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Very high Wd. & rain fron N.W.most of the day-at any rate the wind blew heavily in the day- Thermometer not very closely observed- at first about 53° then down to 44° or 45°- Evening 43°- Too stormy for going to church- newspapers & books were examined-Copied the substance of a late letter from my uncle Jonas Harwood- forgot to mention his stating that he was going to fatten 7 or 9 hogs & 1 yoke of oxen- Mr. Buck,Geo.Robinson & Leander Somebody went away after supper- they were so good as to assist st milking during the rain in the morning-

MONDAY, OCT 20 Cold,flying clds-gloomy- some snow on high parts of the neighboring mountains- Merc. 32° 47° 43° Walling was continued-Cheeses growing less- On the 17th & 18th weighed but 56 lbs for either day. Rode to U.M.Robinson's office- consulted on making up his apples into cider- D.Love came in-a few words were offered on politicks- Cous. U.M. presumed Jacksonism must be right as it favored the poor & contended against the rich- Left the office denouncing the course of the Administration believing that if he & his partisans were continued in office the Constitution would go down- In E.Village sent Hopkins to D's mill to get small grists corn ground for our neighbors-transacted some business with Mr. Peck who let me have 5 rennets in addition to what we had already rec'd-making up the bill to $1. 12 1/2-was going to pay it very cheerfully-but in consequences of representations from me heretofore-gave in $1.which satisfied me very well. Went over to L Norton's Stone Ware Factory-not s seeing the major-spent but little time there- returned to J.Norton's store. Met between the residence of John & the store Mrs Clar.Canfield, formerly Miss C. Norton-a few compliments were exchanged- told her I thought she held her age well-born Jan. 1789-said she would call on us in about 3 weeks. Some time had been taken up in the absence of Hopkins talking with S.B.McEowen on politicks chiefly but to no great extent. H. called & I rode home in season in season to have a hand in milking. H.Waters,lady and children had made safe return from Sandy Hill,N.Y.where had seen old Mrs Waters and his half sister Phoebe in good health-visited John Brown's people going and cominga all doing well & in good health.

This evening made settlement in full with Cousin N.L.Robinson-let him have the Sylvanus W.Daniels Note- I mean that which I took up for him on the 9th inst. & $26.81 & recd the joint note of himself & brother U.M.Robinson-payable on the 10th of Mar. 1835- Himself & lady tarried over night. He said it was not a fair understanding between Daniels & him respecting the $1. dollar which I paid over & above the face of the aforesaid note-partoculars cant retain well enough to state,but at any rate suffered it to be included in our reckoning. Mr.Wight arrived about noon from visit to Shaftsbury friends.
The bill of teaming which was made up by cous-N. amounted to $ 8.72- with the exception of $1.44 due on flour and 25" paid out by him tow'd iron.

TUESDAY-OCT 21 Fair & cold-froze hard in the morning-day harsh wind from N.W. all day- Mrec. 28°-not much above 50° in the warmest hour of the day 41° at sunset.

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Particulars of laying additional Aqueduct.

Father & G,assisted some by me,continued walling as aforesaid-it was abandoned however during P.M. to attend to laying lead pipe,which was at length brought on by young Beach,brother of Lewis & Lucius. After dinner we proceeded to execute the undertaking accompanied by Mr. Wight who gave some assistance- Not much difficulty attending it-The soldering being completed-the head of the additional pipe,which mind you was inch caliber being snugly secured by a strainer and placed under the rock whence gushes the limpid element the length was measured & found to be 7 rods & 9 feet which at $2 per rod was computed by me to cost $15.25- I paid him $16.00 to cover 75cts due for a small job performed here by his brother Lewis on the 15th July last. The young man seemed to think I ought to have paid another 75 cs for laying the present pipe- told him I would see his brother respecting it. It appears that by miscalculation I now p'd 15" too much.

Friend Wight's early movements were an essay at hunting,which proved abortive,afterwards in shooting domestic fowls where he was successful- Rec'd the company of his friend W.S.Southworth who staid to tea- left after dark-having been plea's & sociable. W too having informed

him of the scraping down & hissing off the stage in the Chapel, Wms College, the celebrated doct. Howe, by the members of said institution, a majority of whom were thus warmed up. Remember this day should read OCT 21.

Oct. 21 → H.Waters & his friend Buck were here in the evening.

Cous. N.L.Rob. & lady departed for hime this morning.

Miss A.M.Harwood gallanted Mrs Wrisley to L. Patchin's store to trade on the Cr. of H.Waters- the latter being indebted to that lady for washing & other work. My father did not long remain with us in laying pipe, but being very impatient- went away to his wall where he occupied himself during the remainder of the P.M. Late in the day friend Presho returned from writing at Benton's- Read Philos'y eveg. I found entertainm't in readg "Travels in France & Italy" by W.Hazlett- Was up very early writing. (late)

WEDNESDAY-OCT 22. Chilly, gloomy-frosty morning- prospect of storm-did rain slightly-except darkness, signs of rain vanished- W'd S.W.- Merc'y 32°-46°-Lead pipe covered- 13 rods wall completed- At the former Mr Wight assisted-Rec'd Vermont Gazette of Oct 21- Gov's speech- Anti-Jackson- List of county officers for Benn. Co.- Great & glaring boasts of Jackson Triumphs in Pennsylvania & N. Jersey. H.Waters appeared to be highly pleased in forwarding his celler- digging & well-digging- Mr. Brooks came with Elisha Wright this eveg. & br't 1 qt. cid.brandy to use externally on the person of his lady whose health had become very low.

Norman Norton being out on a little hunting excursion with cousins double barrel gun- visited & conversed some time this morning- His team was employed in transporting 4 ft dry wood to F.Blackmer

THURSDAY-OCT 23- Cold-frowning, fall-like-not much sunshine- Merc. 41°-44° down to 39° in the evening- P.M. there was a slight shower mostly of rain mix'd with round snow- Certain parts of the E. Mountain were covered with snow. The first part of the day till past noon was spent in plowing down a gravelly bank in order to give a different direction to the water which flows that way in time of high water-especially in the spring of the year-so that it should not again, as it formerly had done, undermine the wall which we had lately been erecting. Some trifling repairs was put upon the lane road this side the "Dry Brook"-ploughed up some ground near the old stone bridge across the first brook-went home to dinner- P.M. Geo. conveyed those apples gathered on the 6th inst to A.Hubbell' Esq's-could not get

the use of cider mill the present week- I had business in the Street- Dr. S.Robinson rode with me from below the meetinghouse to L.P. & Co's store-told me that Miss Prudy Searls-maiden lady of about 62 (Prudence Searles)-residing at S.D. Wabbridge's- was about to leave the world-the physicians had pronounced her case incurable. In the store saw capt. D.Robinson Jun. talking with capt Martin S. Norton on the practice of certain members of the church-not named- which he considered very illy (D.Robinson Jun'r on Religion or its profession) squared with their profession. Bo't-1 G molasses at 2/3 & 1 1/2 G Lin'd oil at 6/9 on a/c. The capt spoke respecting his butter-enquiring how soon he might calculate on having it ? Replied as probably we should make cheese no longer than Nov 10- his butter possibly would be forth coming by the 20th of said month. Some few moments were spent at the P.Office- I took up the Washington Globe-saw many articles on late elections. One on Pension frauds in which the case of Rob't Temple was particularized- circumstances of his suicide related &c. The paper bore date of Oct 15. See Hour'n of Oct 11. Called on N.Swift Esqr President of Bennington Bank & rec'd. my $75 note for the money which I left there,that is, in his care on the 17th & restoration of interest amounting to 50 cs-- See Aug 27. Told me some facts respecting the Bank which accounted for its not accomodating the public quite so promptly as was desired last Spring. at which time they had to meet two heavy debts-amounting together to about $10,000--felt as if they should go on hereafter more smoothly- Called at F. Blackmer's-got N.Y.Spect.of Oct 20-Saw A.Robinson Esqr & his friend capt P.Dewey & Dr. Bigelow-The first of whom remarked very cheerfully on the late elections in Pennsylvania & New Jersey- which tho' not successful for the Whigs,yet certainly was doing well-There was a revolution going on & it would go on- Revolutions,said he,never go back- they advance-they go-ahead- made another halt at the ruins of H.Waters- team employed in scraping out cellar- well sunk,say 9 feet to water- lumber & timber on hand & more coming on- his affairs in good train.Sold him 1/2 gall oil in the eveg-for which he paid the full price in hand- Rode home with me- Boiled oil for himself & us during eveg. Apple paring was executed by cous. Geo & J A Wight, J C Presho, my old lady & Hopkins. A moderate quantity of cream was converted to butter by the unual process by me-who also read to my father a late letter from J. Downing to his old friend Dwight of N. Y.--the moral of which was excellent-- Sat up very late writing.

This day 46 years of age- My abilities I find very far below the station in which I am placed- but to act to the best of our known how is all that can be required of us-Don't give up the ship.

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FRIDAY,OCT 24 Our raw cold Fall weath'r continued-fair it is true, but those chilling blasts of wind from the N.W. & the white capt peaks of G. Mountain excited anything rather than pleasant sensations in those who felt & saw. Road repairs near & about the stone-bridge with plough & scraper,hoes & shovels,were ended by about noon- P.M. Geo. ploughed cornhills in S. meadow- Father dug stone above the upper brook near the newly erected board fence- I assisted him after seeing to cheese affairs.

Our friend Wight,sighting by a steel square came to the conclusion that water taken from the fountain in which the head of our pipe is laid, could be carried far above the ridge of this dwelling & even to go 10 feet higher than that of Sam.H.Brown's red hay-barn, standing on the hill E. of the old Dr Fay house,as it once stood, but now in ruins- See Jour'l for some day last June or July- Mr W. appeared to be mainly absorbed in readg Italian,-much plased with his Italian Telemachus published in the full fashion & style of other publications in our language of its day- 1756-7.

H.Waters came home in fine spirits-everything moving about right- teams bringing on stone from old walls given him by Dr. H. Swift,for filling up trenches,(~~including wall in the~~)stoning well &c-&c.

In Spect.of Oct 2 read a most excellent speech deliv'd by Mr. Selden of N.York at a very great meeting of Whigs at Masonic Hall- followed by another spirited one from the lips of J.W.Webb. I must alter the date- It was the Spect. of Sept 25. Thermometer stood in the morning at 8 30°- noon 46°- sunset 41°.

The stone fence lately spoken of,is a part of a string of half wall supporting posts & rails,built by Jonas Harwood & his hired man Benj. Morse, assisted by a boy about 14 years of age from Petersburgh N.Y.-in the Spring of 1801- General direction about S.W. forming the N. bounding of a piece of pasture ground lying N E of the upper orchard in the form of a harrow- at the extreme N E point of which stands a good capacious gate erected,for the proprietor,by Geo P.Harwood in the Spring on 1833.

SATURDAY- OCT 25. Remarkably cool-Sky thinly hazed over- Merc.26°-34°-30°- Cutting dry wind from N W mostly- Prospect melancholy. Father pursued his stone digging,Geo. his plowing-J.A.Wight his grammatical studies- Mrs Harwood her cheese making- H.Waters his foundation building. I conveyed 6 bbls rye to D's

mill where it was converted to cow provender while gone up to the furnace & to the ore bed below-seeing at the latter Geo.Gilson who had nearly completed opening a very expensive ditch leading from the foot of the high bank to the Roaring Branch- a distance of some rods-Cost first estimated at $500-but likely to be accomplished for $300--Had a number of hands employed on ditch- complained of having labored incessantly hard for many years-Didn't mean to do so a great while longer- Spoke in hard tearms of his friend Stephen Dewey his partner in the present Herculean undertaking,from whom he could procure no money,whose duty it was to pay half the charges. Promised to pay my demands against himself as soon as he could obtain money which he would call on me & pay when ready to do so. As I returned from thence tow'd Furnace-looked at 2 of the stone Coalkilns lately erected- one of which measured about 32 paces in circumfrence- & about 10 in diameter- Saw the interior of both Furnaces-both in blast independ'tly.Old one seemed to have the strongest blast from the simpliest machinery- that of the other appeared to be out of repair . Saw Mr.Doolittle who spook of cheering election news from Ohio- great changes there but not sufficient to carry the (Modern) Whig Ticket. Started for home- got grist at the mill-empty cider cask at Holmes's- lent him Nov.9-1833-- Came up the old Smith & Atwood road to S.Pratt Jun's where left in the care of Dr. P's daughter $3.60 in full for lumber rec'd Ap'l 11-the acct she engaged should be crossed in her father's book standing against me. Old Mr Pratt was up from N.W.Hill,Wmstown,Mass- where he said his son Luther was well established.The old gentleman said he was in his 84th year-enjoyed his health very well- his spirits were good,hearing rather dull,but I could converse with him freely Could recollect hunting foxes formerly in the woods of our neighborhood- & other game,not to mention numerous bee trees which his good fortune had led him to discover. Said he drew a pension of $80 annually- Spoke of my father being the first white male living child born in Bennington. Had heard nothing of late of Joseph Thomas,his brother-in-law,whose wife had been dead 8 years- Mr. T,if living,must be now about 87. Left the town in 1807 for Hardwick,Vt Since his wife's death had gone to reside with one of his daughters farther north. I mention this gentleman more particularly on account of his having lived in our neighborhood 30 & 40 yrs ago-laboring much in our employment in those days. The ladt of Mr. Pratt had in a great measurelost her reasoning powers- very corpulent, health apparently good- A paralytick shock was

the cause of her losing her intellectual faculties. Reached home in good season- Geo.P. had measured out 43 gallons of cider to Jonas F. Billing by the hand of Hiram Dimick his son-in-law-who left $3 in money- being about 44cs over pay-as there was 10 gallons of the quantity now delivered to be reckoned at the rate of $1.50 pr bbl according to previous contract - See Oct 15-near bottom of the page. H.Waters and 4 work men were added to our social circle this evening Perused the late speech of Mr. Webster deliv'd before the Gr't Whig meeting at Concord N.Hamp- very good- but not so easy to understand as his excell't address to the Senate on the Presidents Protest May 7 1834-

SUNDAY- OCT 26. A distressing E. storm arose early in the day-more cruel than any experienced for a long time- mainly rain but mix'd occasionally with hail & snow. Merc. ranged from 32° to 40°. In Penny Mag. saw an article on St Paul's-London- Sir Is Newton died 1727-aged 84- Sir Chris Wren- Great Architect of St P's-born 1622-died 1712. Papers were examined-- Presho searched map of N.Orleans,or rather its location on that of State of Louisiania and Fay's Collection of Official Acc't of Battles in the War of 1812 to ascertain how the contending armies were situated on the memorable 8th Jan. 1815- W'm & Ad.M. rode to church in spite of storm- Hopkins drove up & down twice severely felt the beatings of the driving blowing storm. H.Waters' hands were away by near sunset- H. himself went to W.Creek- So very tedious did we conceive this blow & rain that the cows were stabled at night- Ira B.Dewey came over & shewed us a letter from his brother Wm.in which the health of the family was favorably spoken of- Many marriages & some deaths were mentioned- Cous.J.B. staid all night-

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SATURDAY EVENING-NOV 1st- Just arrived from a short trip to Troy, Gibbonsville- via Albany to New York-which last left on Friday Morning at 7 o'clock in Steamboat N.America which was pretty decently loaded with passengers,to whom a pleas't passage was rendered to Albany. a great majority being destined thereto land. As to particulars respecting this my Voyage down the Hudson-which commenc'd on Wed.the 29th-Oct.they are to be found in s small faint lined book which I carried purposely with me for entering such observations as I should see fit to make- In Troy receiv'd very friendly treatment from capt.Waters & family- cous. Sam & lady- In N.Y. young David Parsons introduced me & ~~young-David-Parsons~~-young Mr. Blass to capt. Smith of the "Lady Adams"-Sagg Harbor-on board of which,by invitation we slept-

as soundly & comfortably as if we had been in one of the finest Hotels in the City- Next morning on leaving we asked him if he wished pay-to which he replied in the negative-thanked him & were away- This is sufficient to give some idea (of) how we fared & where we went- Left Bennington Oct.27-arrived here Nov.1st. In the first instance accomp'd by father & Hopkins to Troy- while there visited Gibbonsville or rather the yard of the U.S.Arsenal where saw many of the old field pieces taken at Saratoga,Yorktown & Stoney Point,&c- During the excursion-saw a great many people- heard much said in reference to the pending election- Got acquainted with some few persons of easy familiar address among whom may be classed Mr. Hawley of Albany who claimed acquaintance with major H.A.Fay- U.S. Store Keeper- & capt. B.Whipple of the same place giving both good names-

During my short absence- Henry H.Fassett-aged 40- Miss Prudy Searls-62 and a child of Henry Robinson (genl. H) & Mrs Brooks-amiable consort of our friend & neighbor Jac.B.-of consumption- aged about 42-severally departed this life. In my youth had been a school-fellow & playmate of the first-and since old enough to transact business, had done much of buying & selling with him- Great Whig Victory in Ohio announced by firing cannon board St't Ohio.

SUNDAY- NOV.2. Extremely cold,cldy- Merc. 20°-night 28°,Perused papers & wrote as usual-the latter business mostly neglected- Cheese making had now dwindled to but a lean employment-weighing a little more than 40lbs daily-large frosts had proved very detremental to grass. And more than all- The Cong Church in the center of this fine town had lately separated-a part being set to Deac.S.Hinsdill & his party.

MONDAY,-NOV 3 Cold without abatement-clear & Serene-very chilly.Merc.18° -Eveg 26°- Father & Geo drew off stone from a very rough part of the S.meadow for stone fence in lieu of boards at some future day. I was employed about home fore'pt day. P.M. conveyed small grist corn to mill- Asked as I called at F. Blackmer's what was the price of rye- had been offered it at 4/0- Asahel Harwood told me I must not give over 62 1/2 cs- Before getting to L Patchin &co saw our old friend Sam'l Fay with whom held a long discourse on the late elections & doings of Jackson & his worshippers- At the store Lyman Robinson said he had more than 100 bhls of old rye which he would sell at 4/0 or less if I could obtain it elsewhere for less- Drove to Fayette Dickinson's- saw La F trading horses with V.D.McEowen. Looked at the rye which appeared well,but too slovenly cleaned. They wanted 75 for it-Intold what I had learned respecting prices-among the rest that it sold by

weight in Troy at 74. Had some notion of coming away without buying-but at last agreed to pay 71 cs deliv'd at our shedloft- Saw Giles Jewett & one or two brothers of Fayette about the barn &c- It was chilly riding home- aided Mr Breese-daughter of Deac Dimick-in getting home from her sister Fann's with a pair of twin boys about 9 months old- perhaps 10 months- very smart & healthful- Arrived here some time after dark a good deal chilled. H.Waters and hands busy repairg & buildg

TUESDAY, NOV 4. Cloudy,not very pleas't- S wind-expected rain.merc. 34°-50°-50°- Geo & self were principally engaged ploughing up pretty rough piece of ground in the S meadow whence had been removed a large quantity of stones fit for fence. Father dug stones & otherwise busied himself- Rec'd 62 1/2 bushels rye from Fayette Dickinson by the hand of his brother who said he measurer the same himself.Paid in full therefor according to contract $44.38. The grain weighed very well-falling little short of 56 lbs to the bushels .Three bagsful weighed,inclusive bags, 141 lbs a-piece exactly,containing 2 1/2 bhls pr bag. H.Waters & hands continued repairing house.

WEDNESDAY, NOV.5- Seemed mild in the morning but grew chilly as night approached-Merc. 47°- 50°- 46°-
Completed the plowing above mentioned-some stone digging & ditching were severally attended to- The patch thus plowed is situated S of the upper brook-near thec center E & W of the S meadow bounded S by the board fence built in May last N by the brook- Ed'w Pratt & his little brother Isaac looked long & dilligently for a fox which had been caught in a trap & strayed off in it. They set other traps that they brought with them. Hopkins in the evening went to Doolittle's Mill for Mr Wrisley- bringing thence a small grist of Ind. meal- Mrs W. washed for Diad'm
Amused myself a part of the evening looking over that part of A'm History which treats of the loss of Fort Washington- Nov 16-1776- Sad affair indeed. H.Waters returned late in the eveg.with Geo.Rob. from repairing house.

THURSDAY, NOV 6- Clear & handsome but chilly-slight breeze-or in fact not so very trifling either-from N.W.- Convey'd stuff to D.Fuller for cheese casks- of which ordered him to make 6- five 20's & i nineteen & 1/2 inch heads- Paid him $2.75 which satisfied him in full for all past & present bills & 25" transportation of these last which were to be left at the old Judge Rob. house- now N.L.Robinson's-sometime on the 7th- Returned by the new road to the Printing Off-concersed awhile with our old Sol.Clark-afterw'd

spent a short time at N.L.Rob's Grocery- took a glass of cider & a few oysters which he insisted on my devouring-after showing me how expeditiously they could be cooked- invited me very earnestly to trade with him-gave encouragem't that I would Merc. 34°-Mg- Eveg 36°.

1834 Bennington,NOV. 6,1834 Dr Samuel came there and consulted about getting up a load of river sand for H.Waters- The most important movement of the day at our house was the removal of H.Waters and family & a part of his household stuff to that part of his dwelling which escaped the flames on the 27th last March. The house tho' small was fitted up so as to be quite snug & comfortable. Geo.drove up one pretty full load with oxen & cart- I convey'd Adeline to assist her aunt in setting things in order,besides carrying some articles of house keeping .Saw capt E.Dewey who seemed quite pleased on the return of his neighbors to their former dwelling. Of Jennings Rider-Woodford-bo't 1 bhls first rate turnips for which paid 33 cs. R. said he had cut the pres't year 40 tons good hay-for which his price was $10. pr T. H.W. shewed me all about his house,cellar &c- gave me some apples- came home in season for milking-spent the eveg reading papers and looking over History connected with what is already spoken of on the 5th down to the time of Mifflin's joining Washington with the Pennsylvania Militia- A most critical juncture!

At Hinsdill & Swift's left a Periodical called Greenbank's :ibrary which I borrowed when there last- Drug Edgerton informed me that not long since his uncle H.A.Fay had rec'd a letter from T C Fay-dated somewhere in the neighborhood of the Rocky Mountains- had established a printing press at St.Louis- He was formerly a schoolfellow of mine- an illegitimate offspring of Col. Joseph Fay- born-1786- Let me notice the call of Mrs C.Canfield along with her mother- See some late day in Oct previous to commencing the present volume. She was in good health-invited me very politely to call at her house in Arlington on going that way-promised to do so- The old lady was lokewise smart & active. See Oct 20. Mrs Wrisley sewed H.Waters & family most of the day.

FRIDAY,NOV 7. Very fine until about noon-afternoon,cld'y-some hazy- chilly N.W'd-Mercury in the morning 24°-not over 50° at noon-46° after dark. Father assisted H.Warren in placing door steps in front of the house- a part of the material being brought from the hearth of the old under-gr'd kitchen- Hiram Waters having come down with Isaac Allen & team to get a load of his household goods,took right hold & helped remove those ponderous slabs to the place of destination- Soon after drove off with his load

in triumph. Geo. P found ample employment in plowing meadow land for S.Chandler- N of J.C. Andrew's place- Chand'l boy G. said was a raw hand at horse-riding.

Perez Harwood Jun. with Hiram Blackmer came to examine the new barn to see what it cost- whether it would suit &c- The plan appeared to suit better than the cost .-advised him not to get it built by the job- Could not satisfy him exactly as to cost because it was never fully known to us- We always roundly called it $400. They viewed barns and watering establishment- in doors and out- made a short tarry & were off- B. informed me that Mr. Fisk had a first rate cow which he thought could be bought on account of being mischievous in opening gates & the like- Told him I would buy her- Heard heavy discharges of cannon-West- Hopks bro't home cheese casks.- I read Gard'n History in eveg 1776.

SATURDAY- NOV 8. Very chilly-stormy in some measure from N-flying broken clds-no rain of any amount. Merc. 36°-46°-34°. Chandler's plowing was completed by noon- 5 casks cheese put up P.M.-consisted of 30 cheeses. Endeavored to weigh them by our new establishment but so mysteriously were the notches,figures & poizes calculated to us that we had to drop it altogether-must wait until we could obtain the balances of Mr. Doolittle. Henry Warren finish ed his flagging job;said it might go against the boards he bo't of us Oct 13. I went to Sanford & Brown's store & called for a ten gallon can to be made of tin for $2.50- It was accordingly done-went up in the evening & bro't it home- Told Seymour I would pay for it at no distant day- It was not quite noon when first at the store- when col. Merrill and Henry Kellogg were present-they felt highly pleased with the result of the late elections so far as heard from in the City & State of N.Y.- The former went on to say many fine things of Jackson's Administration-upholding it in its every act & design- nothing done wrong- nor intended wrong-popularity constantly increasing-the people would support it-for it was really Democratic-and parties he said were now divided as formerly on the same principles- Federal or Aristocratic & Democratic- The Bank was a most awful thing-establish that & he would not give a straw for the liberty of the country- Jackson had done more to establish freedom in our country than even Jefferson himself- As to deception & corruption-nothing went farther than the leading Whig journalists in the City of N.York-from first to last-. It seemed good after hearing such a lecture on such a subject to meet with a friend not so led astray-

not so drunk with the spirit of Democracy-and that was our worthy citizen Sam'l Fay Esq'r. whose views of the Hero are not thus warped by the mist of Glory & Reform- understanding too much by whom the wires are worked at Washington to be deceived- knowing to whom is to be imputed the grand and fundamental measures of the tyranical Party-Little Mattie of you please,Sir-- Called a mom't at F.B's-saw uncle Aaron Robinson-heard an anecdote from him respecting an early visit from his brother Samuel, a Mr Deming & some one else to the City of N.York-all raw fellows-entered the harbor in a pretty heavy storm. I presume this must have happened more than forty years ago.

SUND. NOV 9- Cold morning-pleas't day-handsome-Mrec. 24°-58°-61°-46°-Nothing unusual as to myself-Pretty busy most of the day-Rec'd visit from N.L.Robinson in the evening-said he had a quantity of hay he designed to sell-invited me to go down & examine it on Tuesday next-Agreed to- Made up a bill of errands for George to do in Troy- Perused more of Revolutionary History-during the last few weeks of 1776-

Dr. H.Swift came down about 8 or 9 in the morning to see mother & sist.L.Said much respecting politicks & late division of the Cong.Church. in very candid language. Some disapp't in Electin of N.Y.City-could very readily acc't for it too-in the votes of unprincipled Irish & other foreigners. Waters & Buck spent a part of the day here. S.Loomis made a short halt here just at dark to see if he could suit himself as to a cow-but on enquiring prices-went away dissatisfied-or-say not anxious to buy- Cous.G made preparations for going to Troy on Monday.

MONDAY, NOV 10- Dark cldy morning-storm apprehended-but afterwards clds broke away & became fine weather for Nov. Merc 43°-61°- 51°- Smoky air- Geo. P & Adeline were away in due season for Troy- Sold 43 gs of cider to J.F.Billing for his son-in-law Hiram Dimick who left $2 in money tow'd it- B sent word that he should shortly come prepared to take all I could spare. Rode with neighbor Baker to Doolittle's Mill. He was employed by H.S.Brown Esqr in transporting manure from Lyon's in Woodford to his own farmyard where it was mixed with other material for future use. Knowlton-the famous coal maker of Woodford was a fellow passenger a part of the way-broke down the board upon which we were seated-real heavy fellow- Borrowed balanees of Doolittle- I mean of Asahel Harwood- Got Ira Fillmore to transport the same & self to Blackmers' & thence home because he said he was out of health-wanted to come-down to see our large cheeses-I told him those had been mearly all sent off- Shew'd him 2 or 3 that came pretty well

up though they were much short of being a true sample of the largest size- Mr. F. was quite sociable- particularly in regard to the death of his brother who died in his 25" yr at the Medical Institute- Castleton,Vt.- Oct. 1833- After dinner I returned up street with him- Called at San'f & B's-at the P.O. where a catalogue of members W's College was rec'd- At L.Patchin & Co's & at F.Blackmer's where bo't 4 lbs w.lead at 11 1/2cs- 4 do F.Ochre-at 6" & 4 do Spanish whiting at 3cs. all on acct.--Rode greater part of the way home with Baker-S.H.Brown hand me a copy of a late number of the N.Eng'd Farmer- desiring me to read it attentively- H.Waters & Geo Robinson came down in the evening to set glass-but my not getting oil for making putty spoiled the whole calculation. Weighed 5 casks of cheese- amounting to 1822 lbs as then weighed- but not feeling quite satisfied as to the correctness of it-tried it 2D time next morning and made out 4 lbs more on one. the rest were right as near as we could ascertain- So it stood at 1826 lbs- amt'g at $ 7 1/8 to $130.24"-add 5 casks at 50cs-the whole came to $132.74 cs- The Bill of Oct 3d-$ 730.48"-added amounted to $863.22"- Decuct $15.-for casks would leave balance paid for cheese only $848.22"- See Oct 13-last.

TUESDAY,NOV 11. Pretty pleasant in the main- though it truly looked rough in the morning-raining moderately in low grounds- snowing on mountains- Merc. 38°-46°-40°- Assisted father at weighing cheese 2d time as stated above finding all correct with the exception of one which at the first trial was set at 392-now found it,after repeated trials to be 398- substract 32 for cask leaving 366 lbs cheese- Took up much time in painting figures on those casks which,as my affairs were at loose ends-nothing convenient, turned out to be a tedious undertaking-Added the Am't to the original bill ofOct.3d.
H.Waters sent on Geo.Robinson to set glass- I had to go forthwith to F.Blackmer's to procure oil of which got 1 pt.on a/c.15cs-Returned pretty directly home-rode from near the mile stone with a young Perkins of Pownal-16 yrs of age-hired man of Kinsley Brown whose horse team,a good one too, he was driving- Waters & R. painted the kitchen floor after the latter had finished setting glass. I wrote a notification of School meeting in our District to be held at the Schoolhouse on Monday Nov 17-1834- 6 o'clock P.M.- Wrote letters to Cal Brown Esq'r-at N.Y. & to his clk at Will'stown,Ms- giving notice of the readiness of the cheese,named above.Father found ample employment during P.M. getting off stones from stubble ground N.W.barn newly laid down- Our friend C.Sibley,or if his name begins with some other letter-it was him who

resides on J.Norton's Atwood place-School committee man who had me write the notification for S. meeting-to choose committee & app't Collector & to do all business found necessary when met- I sat up late writing in this Vol. At F.Blackmer's seeing Mr. B.W.Jackson who requested to know how much he owed me- told him 48cs- he paid me 50-had no change- B.paid the fraction which must be made square another day- See Oct. past 13th.

WED. NOV-12 Cloudy,stormy in moderate way from the E.showed in the beginning-afterw'd rained,but not to much amount. Mountains were white. Merc. 36°-39°- We were busy without bringing much to pass-erected the small boxstove & pipe in the old milk room-cellar windows fitted up for winter by our father- Small cheese made by Mrs S.Harwood & put in the press by me. We were called on by the clerk of C.Brown to notify us that they should tomorrow take away our last parcel of cheese- I had the satisfaction of repliing that it was all in readiness with the trifling exception of daubling on the diamond "B" which was soon done after he requested it. He was with another man & team loaded with cheese casks going to put up Harmon's dairy- Told him the am't of our cheese as herein stated & as I wrote him-said he should forward the money by B's son who was coming up to Ballard's School- If he failed so doing-it should be sent some day of the present week at any rate. G.P. & Adeline arrived from Troy before dark- Did well-the former bro't 2 hats,of which one was for himself for $6.- Six G's Wint.oil at $1.05-- 13 3/4 lbs Hedge's nails for $1. & other small articles to come to exclusive of his own hat,$10.77"- Paid over the remainder of the money with which he had been entrusted. All the Troy business was talked over & after due season all retired to rest. During eve'g saw some good pieces,&,perused them in part,in the N. Eng'd Farmer- Mrs Kent paid her respects to us this P.M.-Brought much news as usual.

THURSDAY,NOV 13. The morning was cold even to freezing-afterwards proved remarkably mild & fine- Merc. 32°- Ev'g 43°- At 4 in the morning a fire was discovered in E. Village-bells rang-people greatly alarmed- Self & G. went over beyond the old Lieut Saff'd place-met capt. S.Pratt who said all danger was over-by means of a good engine the fire was got under-great many people there-No great amount of property burnt- Low kitchen,wash house,wood house,hog-pen,hog & all-small barn,2 or 3 tons hay &c-Some damage ensued to the upright part and the removal of furniture was so of course -Place owned by Bank of Lansingburgh-occupied by widow McEowen & son-old Frapwell house.

1834 NOV 13,Contin'd- Mr Perkins of Pownal called to enquire about carrying ld of cheese for C.Brown- Informed him the clk had directed that he must take Harmon's-so he warmed, drank some cider & pushed with his boy,wagg, & 3 horses-Said something of seeing the Irishman executed in Troy next day for Murder- Presently Mr Card of Williamstown with Noble's team came to take our cheese for C.B.- We delivered it him safe & sound- but he,foolish man,threw out of his waggon a goodly supply of straw,leaving very little for the casks to rest upon- giving us afterwards some unpleas't apprehensions as to the fate of the cheese before it could reach Troy- In the course of the day rec'd by the hand of Andrew Dennis paymen't in full for cheese and casks as made out on the 10th. Gave rec't in full for the same--forgot in that to specify casks- but here I make it in full of everything. The fraction mentioned on the 13th Oct was likewise right'd.

Two beeves were butchered and dressed by G.P & friend J.Brooks in good style- Drake cow for oursleves and Hiram Waters' cow for the owner in whose employment Mr B. wrought- Full weight of the former was about 480- which at $4 pr cwt would come to $19.20- The latter was computed to weigh 600 lbs,consequently worth $24. richly so because she was only grass fed since July-

Sold N.C.Robinson 11 lbs of cheese at 9/692cs deducting for 1 lb raisins paid in full 79"- Bo't of him 3 twelve qt & 5 ten qt milk pans- at 45 & 35 cs a piece- Geo. & Hopkins in the evening went home with the balances of Doolittle-disposed of & rec'd pay in full for the 2 hides,of L.Patchin Esqr.-$5.70 & by his mistake 5cs over-price being 5cs pr lb- B.Harwood's part $2.60

Weighed 17 Oct cheeses-up to the 20"- 998 lbs Whole amt weighed 2d time-excepting what was retailed out during summer- came up to 13401 lbs- and probably enough more was on hand to make up the other thousand- we mean such as had been weighed but once.

Our sister Lydia was waited upon by cous.Nath L. up to H.Waters' where she tarried over night.

FRIDAY,NOV 14- Warm morning for the season say Merc. 53°-not varying much from all day- cldy dark-smoky-some rainy-. Geo. off with beef- Elisha Wright's included- which he saw weighed L'd qr fore do the whole coming to $7.74. tow'd which he paid $7.25 leaving balance on beef-49"- & for cider $1.50-Soon to be paid. H.W's beef was deliv'd at his house and also the money for the hide. Mr.Hall rec'd 96 lbs fore qt old Drake which at 3 1/2 cs makes a bill of $3.36 payable on short notice. To B.R.Sears 101 lbs at $4 on book $4.04- Preparation for winter was made by father-in stopping windows &c. Small stove erected in old milk room for keeping it in proper tune for raising cream on milk, there deposited-- Many little notions attended not necessary to mention.

SATURDAY, NOV 15- The cold was indeed extraordinary. Thermometer down to 16°- in the morning- and it rose but little above 20°- in the course of the day- Eve'g down again to 16°- Sky curiously hazed over- Some said there would be snow soon- Mountains tops were pow'dr Whiggism in the State of N.Y. down- wofully down- 10,000 maj for Gov Marcy-measured out to N.L.Robinson 4 bbls of cider of 1833 at $2. Rec'd payment in full the 5 lesser size pans at the prices aforesaid coming in as part payment- the others were settled for when brought away- Lent him one of the J & J.B.Norton's hhs to transport & to keep it while selling it out-he paid a premium of 25cs for the sake of getting it- Jonas F.Billing have had it promised to him if he would get it off soon- Geo P. saw him on Friday and gave him notice that unless he would take it soon-the first that came must take it. N.L. had oxen to remove the same for which he would render an equivilent.

I marched boldly up and made settlements in full at Sanford & Brown's,L.Patchin's & Co and at F.Blackmer's-paying to the first $3.23-to the second $7.10- to the third $5.80 and in the evening after getting home $10.47 in species was counted,which added to $142 in bills made up $152.47 in hand besides $25 reserved to pay for rye. At San's & B's James Seymour Merrill transacted the business the younger clerk V.D.Spiegel being present S.Fay Sen. soon after came in and enquired of Seymour if he recollected witnessing a note given him by Almon Ovait of Pownal-on an old affair which was outlawed,but of which O said he should take no advantage-S.replied he recollected it well & had carefully preserved minutes of the conversation at the time which was while he was employed in the Post Office-1830- Fay said he should put it in suit-S was going to draw a receipt for only the sum now paid-which I objected to,forgetting <u>that</u> of <u>Oct</u> 15 and he drew one for the full amount of charges on book $16.23.- At L.P N &Co sometime was consumed by Lyman Rob in bringing the hand book & his ledger to an agreem't-effected it at last very clearly- paid him up to his heart's content- Several persons were coming & going & some staying during the transaction- among whom would name Mrs Mary H.C.Buck of Pow'l- David Robinson Jun.- capt Henry H.Robinson & Mr. Gulliver & Col.M.Norton of Bennington- Hamilton Gay also dropped in-bo't 2 qts Musk't wine- After settle'mt a glass of that kind was awarded to me with many fine promises how well I should fare in future trade at this house. Some talk was made about my buying very fine molasses contained in a hhd nearly empty-quality suited exactly-price 40". Went over to cous.Nathan's-tried his,which was thick,but not pleasst flavored-asked him if he would dislike it if I should not buy of him as had been talked of-said no-but wished me not to purchase on the "Hill" if not of him. Saw his father & brother U.M. the former spoke of

a late suit brought against him by Dr. H.Swift for an old debt in favor of N & A Swift-about which he felt peculiarly dissatisfied- entertaining the notion that he had once paid it, but by being careless in keeping accounts-the thing thus fell out. Assisted cous. N & another man in placing his hd cider in cellar- cous. N. treating with beer in which Sol. Clark shared. Supped at H.W's with my sister & children- Lydia,whose spirits seemed pretty good,comparatively speaking, rode home with Hopkins & Adeline- I bro't home care & oxen- Evening pleasantly passed away- reading some but principally in conversation with our friend J.C.Presho-late boarder- now teacher at Irish Corner-Bennington. G.P. assisted by him killed fowls for breakfast for Sunday morning.

In my haste finishing off the remarks on this day forgot to tell that previous to (paying) coming to H.Waters'-called and paid Mr. Blackmer- Capt P Dewey,S.S.Scott, H.Blackmer and others being present.- Amount of A/C in full was $ 46.80- See Oct. 15. Let me correct a mistake- Mr B's A/C should read $45.80.

1834 SUNDAY,NOV 16. Remarkably cold & clear-Wd N Merc. 20°- 30°-32°- 16°- My writing was done up much as usual. Perused an article on Suspension Bridges in the P.Magazine- And bo't a copy of the forst vol of J.C.Presho-that paying the difference in accounts between us- He continu'd his visit until after supper-Promised to keep Thanksgiving with. He appeared gay & cheerful-affairs sliding apparently smooth with him-We were much pleased to receive a visit from him. Walked over to Mrs Kent's with my lady in the evening- found the people doing well- both houses well warmed- Thomas & Reuben gone to meeting in E.Village along with Fay's boys- Borrow'd 1/2 doz-small tin milk pans & came home. Hiram Waters & two hands came down early in the eveg-paid me in full for butter & cheese had of late $3.57".ground an axe & were off. G.& Adeline went to church-heard a sermon from Mr. Hooker highly against cer't doings had here last Dec'r by certain individuals. They see, when it is too late their folly.

MONDAY, NOV 17 Cold,cldy-chilling S.E.Wd.- storm expected- Sure enough it did at night-hail was a part of the composition. Merc.in morng 20°- 36° Eveg. Three casks of cheese were put up comprising those last weighed with the exception of one-in lieu of which there was added one made in Nov,which had not been weighed the 2d time. 16 Oct made-943-then say the single Nov-weighed 40lbs- would make up the quantity casked to 983 lbs. Rode to Doolittle's mill & to E.Lyon's in Woodford-Saw Lawrence & Sam Thayer & one of the Crawford's- all rode away on long geared lumber waggons just as I got there. In the barroom there were Luther Park,Jacob Lyon & others. Lyon spoke of

of the "Star Shoots" observed in November of last which he said happened on or about the 20th.- I said on the 13th & contrary to my usual course- asserted it postively because I knew it was so- tho' to be sure I witnessed but a small part of it, yet was an actual eyewitness thereof in the streets of N.Y. on the morning of the 13th. Told him I had made a record of it-but that would not do- wou would give it up on no other ground than seeing it in print. If I could shew him a N.Y. paper stating it so,then would he yield the point. I told him I could do it. Since I commenced writing this paragraph have found two No's of the N.Y. Spect. Nov 14- Nov 18 giving all the particulars of the affair & verifying my statement completely. L. said he was in New Jersey at the time- afterwards came to the City-spent a day or two with Carpenter. Not seeing E.Lyon & being informed that he was in Bennington Street- came off- halted at the grist mill took in a quantity of Ind. Cob meal & flour of 2 bhls of rye- made for home- met E.Lyon some little distance beyond the foot of meeting hill- told him we wanted 320 feet hemlock planks-board measure- which with half inch stuff of like kind might forward me a load & I would square the difference between it & 149 lbs beef sold to him Oct 14 past- Said he would endeavor to furnish it- Halted at F.Blackmer's- S.Scott Sen. present. Enquired for molasses- tried a specimen which did not suit-They produced another from a different cask-thick with sugar- suited- had 1 gallon to begin new acc't- after getting home-tried it again-felt some disap'td however it went pretty well.

Various branches of business were going on at home in the evening. Geo P made skim cheese- Grandfather shelled new corn- Self & others turned the square churn to obtain from 20 to 25 lbs butter- Adeline was closely employed with her needle. Fifty cents was paid by the hand of Hopkins to Mrs Wrisley. Dr. H. Swift p'd visit to sist. Lydia this morning seemed better in health than for some time past.

TUESDAY, NOV 18. Great S.E. storm -very high wind most of the day-Rained pretty smartly just before sunset- Eveg commenced snowing- Merc. 38°- 42°- 34°- late.

Father,Geo P. & Henry Warren were busily engaged on flooring of the old horse barn- Self & lady rode to B.R.Sears,talked with Mrs S. a few moments. wheeled about- returned down street to the store of L.Patchin & Co-and in the course of 2 or 3 hours purchased dry goods on a/c enough to amount to something over $31. Lyman Robinson waited upon us in his best style and at the conclusion of the business treated us to a glass of Musk't wine-There were many persons off & on during our tarry- Gen'l Robinson purchased a quantity of rope for halters about which he made many quee t obser-

vations. Our neighbor Godfrey & wife came there & traded to some small amt. Cal. Gilson & lady did the same. Hiram Waters visited there. also E Lyon Esqr one mom't which gave opportunity for making out in writing what was wanted in lumber- 320 feet 2 inch hemlock planks- 16 ft long and 600 feet half inch hemlock boards-to be good material- Bill handed to him by Hiram Waters who rode off with him for Deac Hinsdill's. Gen'l Weeks came in while we were there. Came home in the rain-friend Lyman lent us an umbrella & took much pains in fixing the buffaloe about the seat, so as to prevent Mrs H.from getting cold as we started away from the store. Mrs Wrisley wrought in our service.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 19. Black,dismal November weather clds ran very low until late in the day.-mountains more or less from a white border about their base,to their summit but it did not appear to be any more than a mere sprinkling or vanity like-Mercury varied but little all day- 33° in the morning- 34° in the eveg-Wd. N.W. Roads becoming verry muddy. Father & Geo P. continued employed on horse stable which they were fitting up for cows- It was on this & not on the 18th that H Warren assisted as above stated. Hopkins had some agency in this thing-boated stones from the old orch'd round to that building for supporting sleepers &c. I too helped at the same- H did not wish to be at school this day because because he had failed committing any piece for delivery on the stage- So he employed himself thus- & afterwards rode with me by way of the new road to Hinsdill & Swift's- Handed over small book for examination while I went to see Ben. R Sears whom found in the great hemp factory building,with hands variously employed in carpentry & joining. N.Daniels was engaged on waterwheel-had seen Sylvanus of late who had given up all thoughts of going to reside at the W.- Benjamin could not tell when he should be at liberty to do our work-at all events would do the best he could for us. Returned to the store. They had compared acc'ts and found everything exactly as it should be with the exception of 1 lb of tea on the first May last-which was forgotten to be added to my book- Amount due the firm was $50.77-which I paid in full. Ed.H. rec'd said money. . Purchased 1 copy Life of H.Clay on new a/c

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The books on shelves were examined- bo't none but Henry Clay-which was charged on new a/c at 38cs-Scott's Bible could be had at $6- Sold formerly at $16- Our friend James Harwood was there with his lady-trading. Drug Edgerton & the other clerk were present & very busy. Feeling no disposition for much trading,having new acc't in the purchase of book & shoe tacks (together 44cs)came off halted at the grist mill rec'd

grist new corn meal-continued along by the old road to the street. Transacted business at San'f & Brown's tin-shop with Mr.Potter one of the journeymen of Sanf'd and B. in that shop- wanted to buy 12 qt milk pans at the rate I bought them last fall- but he said otherwise-could not be had under 50cs- excuses were made for that sale or those sales to which I have alluded,particulars of which can be learned by turning to Oct.9 & Nov 21 1833- Told him I knew all about it- I was not at all mistaken as to the whole of it & that they knew it. It was argued that Seymour sold so because he was unacquainted with their business &c &c- Afterwards asked P. if he knew why they sold so low at that time ? He replied it was in consequence of rival dealers in tin who had lately established themselves in E.Village,whom it was designed to undersell,that they did so & by that means caused them to leave the place. Entered into contract (verbal) with P. to furnish him with 2 quarters of beef at $4 for hind. 3 1/2 for fore qr payable in tin at fair prices. On these conditions rec'd 1 doz largest size milk pans at 50 & candle mould pierced for 1 1/2 doz candles all $7.50. Got home aft dark.

One circumstance respecting weather- say it misted all the forenoon- some aft'n.

THURSDAY,NOV 20. Cold-chilly-cldy-Mountains white-Ther 34°-40°-36°-evg

All hands employed on stable-left unfinished. Diadamia came down on a visit- Accomp'd home by Lydia-likewise conveyed many household things. Self & Hopkins walked up on foot-ground rather soft at the surface- Called at H.W's.Went over to Hon. Hiland Hall's office- Enquired for Mr.A- gone on the Hill or elsewhere Office full of children which were noisy ' full of all manner of wild pranks- Carter was steady and every now & then endeavored to still them, but with little or no effect. Conversed some with him. learned that Lewis Beach had failed for good. See Oct 21 & July 15 last. Saw Mr.H's fine Library in which were many Documentary Volumes- Just before we left Judge S. Robinson & E. Montague came in enquiring for the hon. Mr. H. Self & Hopkins came away & got home in wagg. previous to 9 o'clock.

On the 19th bargained to A.Kellogg hind qr beef- Called at the Bk with the same view-but Raymond was from home- not expected to return until next week,but as there had been previous conversation between him & cous G. on the subject-considered a hind qr engaged to him.

D.Clark's books were said to be selling at Auction this evening- After'd heard to the contrary

FRIDAY, NOV 21 . Cold,cldy,chilly- Snow on Mountains-Merc. 34°-37°- 34°-. evg. A patch of S.meadow near the centre was plowed up-Say 1/2 an acre-performed by spike team Geo. held plow & I rode horse-well guarded against cold

by buffaloe. Geo. in the evening made a fine skim cheese which it was judged might weigh 40lbs. P.M. Hopkins painted floor of S.room

The 2d churning in the big churn for the season was perfommed in the eveg.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22d. Chilly-cldy-lowery-some stormy rain & snow mainly from a southern direction-storm ceased before sunset-became calm-30°- mg-36° evg. On Friday forgot to insert the call of Jonas F.Billing respecting vider- manifested much disappointment on finding that we had disposed of so much to N.L.Robinson-wanted all there was left-so engaged to him the remainder of the good at $2 & and the musty at $1.50- It appears that I have been some negligent in not noting in my journal all the times in which he had his cask filled with cider- but as at every time it was thus filled he paid money which was entered in the cash book the fact can be duly proved-because those entries are fairly & accurately made. His cask gaged 43 gallons-twive filled at $1.50" twice at $2.00- and he paid over from Sept 12 to (O) Nov 10 at 4 payments $9.10" Two first drafts would be 86 gallons-2 bbls & 22 gs- amounting to just $4- The two last-Oct 25 & Nov 10- 2 bbls 22 gs-amounting to $5.67"- Total $9.67- leaving due us 57cs. So my calculation as set down on the 25th Oct,is altogether erroneous-founded on a wrong estimate of the quantity.

Early in the morning neighbor Pierse come over to look at cows-prefered big Breese but disputed the price which was $20- said he had a very good one which would come in as early as the middle of march which he would exchange for another that was farrow like some of ours. He was shewn the Solomons cow which was duly reccom'd to him at $12- considered her too old-invited me to call over & see his after breakfast- Did so- Saw cousin J.B. Dewey & the Methodist clergyman-Mr.Hurd- Mr.P.was employed in handling a fine 2 yr old iron grey colt-had more of such & other horse property for sale.calculated leaving town by the first of June next-had lately sold the farm to Stephen Bingham for $3000- $1200 of which was going to Dr. H.Swift. Shewed me said cow of which gave a fair recommenc & I could not tell why it should not be correct- feeling however as if she were not far removed above the middling quality at the same time not suspecting anything out of the way on Mr. S's part- valued her at $16-would exchange for the Sol's cow at $5 to boot- Told him I would take time to consider- He should go to Troy on Monday-therefore could call on him on Wednesday next- Returned home across lots as I went over- S.Searls removed family and effects from Brick Shop in Tanbrook to his son John's place in Pownal beyond the House Tavern now occupied & by J.F.Billing- Searls 'place being that now owned by Mr.Rob' Reynolds in olden times & in times more recent by Barrel Green. Hiram Waters had his cow,which he bought of us,

driven to him at $18-considered of the first class- to come in by say the 15th or 20th June- known by the name of old Blue- bo't of Deac.Dim&k Mar.1833. I rode up street with H.Waters- Saw sist. Lydia who appeared getting better. H & wife rode to Hinsdill & Swift's- I made some unimportant calls at stores-went to D.Clark's-saw Solomon -employed as usual- Saw & conversed with Darius respecting what he owed me-offering to recieve it in books- He looked at his book & I think made out the sum to be $1.13"- I told him it was not as high as that- not a great deal over 80cs according to my impression-Tried to have me purchase a quantity of bound Nat. Intelligencess which would cost $20- Wanted I should take an old map of Vermont at $1.50"- made no bargain- Came to L.Patchin & Co's and transacted some business there- See 25th- Afterwards called at F.Blackmer's got Spect. of 17th inst & came home. The stable was finished,oxen put up in it- cows housed up as usual.

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During a part of these long evenings perused some good articles in Penny Mag. 1832. Let us state something respecting the dairy of 1834- owned 34 cows- commenced making cheese 25t March-continued it with the exception of one day up to the 13t inst The quantity made as weighed from the press amounted to 16277 lbs- Sold to C.Brown and others 12223 lbs which came to $871.34"- Total number of lbs weighed 2d time as near as could be ascertained was 13584-to add all those not weighed as aforesaid computed at lbs 908,would swell the full amount for the season, up to (lbs) 14492 which at 7cs pr lb would come to $1014.44"- But out of this must be substracted a large bill of expenditures which I shall not attemot at this time to exhibit-Cash, or money paid for cows,rye,hay,plaster,rennets, presses,hoops,cotton cloth for bandages,to say nothing of what was paid for labor on the farm and girls in the house. See Acct book & cash a/c for the present year and the year past. See Nov 1833. Jan 1834 &c &c.

SUNDAY, Nov 23. Continued chilly-rather gloomy- seemed on the point of storming and perhaps it did in some degree. Merc. 40° tow'd evening grew cold-some snow flying-down to 36°-Eveg 34°- Cows were stabled as usual-ran in the old pasture mosty of this day-

Read Parkhurst's School Philosophy some- a little in Penny Magazine- Wrote Jour'l &c. Geo. Adeline & Hopkins went to meeting. Found in the evening by running over my cider acc't with J.F. Billing once more- I was wrong brought it out that he owed us 38cs. wrote a fair bill of the same. G.P. had made 2 skim cheeses-which together would average 50 lbs.

MONDAY, NOV 24. Snowed on a small scale nearly

all day, but the increase or accumulation was not great- wind seemed to be most ly from S.E. Merc. 30°- 32°-34°- 30°-

The 3 casks of cheese put up on the 17th were, for experiment sake weighed by our Albany balances, but we knew the result was (was) widely erroneous either because we were ignorant of the scheme of weighing or the beam was good for nothing. The small poise made weight agreeable to our common steelyards, but beyond that all was wild conjecture. See Nov 13 & 17- said casks were removed to the barn-hauled up by tackle '& lodged on the S. scaffold & carefully stowed in hay. Afterwards a post was fitted up with a box at the top with a little door suspended on leathern hinges for the safe keeping of the thermometer-holes bored through for the free admission of air- Posts being erected at N. side of the small gate opening into the milking yard- Thermometer transferred thereto according to previous arrangement- ready at all times for inspection.

Ever since the night of the 15th., with only 2 or 3 exceptions, our cows had been stabled, & of course foddered- colt inclusive. The oxen were suffered to remain a good deal of this time in "The Woods"- the pastureage there having remained over summer unmolested-afforded them a good living- this day, however, they of their own accord quitted their retreat and came home- Appearances warranted the setting in of winter fairly at this date. Many places were suffering for rains to raise springs & wells-particularly in Town Street. Father rode up in 1 h. wagg- carrying 2 wood & 2 other saws to be filed by J.T.Robinson- visited H.W's- Mrs Wrisley washed here. I read Penny Magazine in the ev'g.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25 Cold handsome morning-flying broken clds remainder of the day-Merc. 23°- 28°- 23°- The principal employment of self and cous G. was making a rough enclosure around cheese presses under the shed to prevent the fowls from roosting thereon. Father visited the Street again in waggon-returned with saws filed by Isaac T.Robinson- J.F.Billing sent his son-in law Hiram Dimick and had his 43 gal cask filled with cider drawn from the musty hhd at $1.50- boy left $4 in money. In the evening with oxen & cart visited the store of L.Patchin & Co & after waiting for them to close up business with a customer with whom I was unacquainted, whose bill at one time came to $9.16"- to which afterward more was added. Lyman Robinson, Norman Squires 2d & one other person assisted in loading molasses hhd which I bargained for on the 22d- it had stood in the cellar for a long time on one head- so it was judged best to take it up & carry it out in that position-and thus it was put on board of the cart- before buying it, had ascertained that the quantity of mol's & sugr would measure from 20 to

to 25 gallons-agreed to take it by guess at ₱10. afterwards entertained doubts of the propriety of the bargain on my part- feeling as if it was paying too dear for the whistle,but on tugging so hard to load it-believed mywelf on safe ground- brought her home very cheerfully-knowing also that the article itself was first rate St. Croix. Adeline rode home with me from H.Waters' At L.P. & Co's seeing among other J.T.Robinson-settled with him for filing 4 saws- one of which he said was very bad to execute- price 56cs- Paid 40 in cash & 2 hand saw files- Mr. R. said W.Haswell had bo't a hhd of like description of the above,supposed to contain 10 gs- for ₱7- H. afterward measured the contents- made out 12 gs-and by a process which he always adopts in such cases-obtained a fine quantity of the real. I saw S.W.Daniels at Brown's as I was going past early in the evening- had seen his brother Orrin- exchanged the notes which I let him have and took another for the am't due thereon. had not got it with him,but it was at his house- O seemed determined yet to pay me- he S believed he would- This was some consolation. Perused P.Magazine again.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26 Another cold curdled cldy day- wd N.-Ther. 10°-30°-32°- 24°- The hhd aforesaid was hauled into the shedloft-corn in the ear removed from kitchen loft to that of the shed & among the variety of employment 3 bedsteads were set up & corded- G. chief engineer. In the morning he sawed off the legs of a certain crick bedst'd for mother- we also performed other & mightier deeds which it is not proper here to describe- nothing unjust nor criminal- After school Hopkins rode to mill in wagg. for friend Wrisley-did did not get his grist grd. In the eveg-examined some articles in the Tradesman Guid)-in Parkhurst & in the P.Magazine-much the best entertained in the last- rather sawed up a quantity of old rails during that part of the day termed afternoon. Most of the rain water in the big Dewey tub was let off-to prevent being frozen up & doing mischief to the vessel.

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THURSDAY,NOV 27. Tolerably pleas't-Grew warm an hour before sunset- 8 & 9 in the eveg became cold again- merc 20°- 32°-40°- 9 in the eveg down to 18°- One of the 2 black cows bought on or about the 4th of March last of Stebbins Walbridge-being fair & in good case with but little extra keeping- handsome too- was butchered & dressed by G.P.- assisted in some small degree by him who so bunglingly shoves the iron pen which has left these ill fashioned letters behind it. G carried off the hide to N.Squires-of which there were 60-1/2 lbs-rec'd pay in full at 5cs at

the store of L. Patchin & Co $3.03-- Returned 5cts overpay for the 2 first hides- P. had discovered his mistake subsequent to the transaction.

Mr E.Lyon of Woodford sent us a very fair lot of hemlock lumber-accord' to my bill. Difference between beef & lumber in value amt'd to $1.56" which I would have sent him by his man,if the latter would have waited for me to look at my acc't Book- Capt. Septimus Walbridge died this day-aged

FRIDAY, NOV 26- Open & moderate-some cldy-Merc. 30°-42°-32°-evg The quarters of the black W cow collectively weighed 473 lbs-hide 60 1/2-tallow 37-Total 570 1/2 lbs- Geo.conveyed beef to customers. Potter 112 fore qt at 3 1/2 cs- 118 fr qr to B.R. Sears at the same. S.C.Raymond 120 hind qr at 4 cs-H.Kellogg 123-same price- both of these gentlemen paid down $4.80-- $4.92-- After George's return, Hopkins in company-a number of jags of apple tree wood were drawn together- said wood had been cut up by my hon'd father-produce of trees & large limbs blown down Aug 7 last- Evening,accompa'd by Hopkins-waggoned up capt.D.Robinson's Jun's butter 61 lbs 14 oz-in large balls- Mrs R. could not take the butter out of the tub,which was left for accomodation-some slight fault was found with the big balls- told Mrs R.,my wife had so much work to do she could do no better. Called on F.Blackmer to know if he wished a few pounds of the butter going to him to be forwarded forthwith- replied in the negative- would wait until we could fill one of his pots- The store was pretty full of company among whom saw S.C.Raymond. Came home & perused N.Y Spectator of Nov 24 & some few pages of Penn.Mag. Mr. Rob't Noble came to see us respecting pork which he proposed selling us-would butcher on monday next- Invited us to call & see & if we liked -to purchase. Mr. N. said he had hired a large farm in Williamstown Ms- of Orrin Kellogg at $400 pr annum for a series of years- next season would keep cows,but the year after should change to sheep-Named his price for pork $6.00. Mrs Wrisley found employment here at mending old clothes-paid off hand. Computed the cow above mentioned to be worth $ 23.12-

SATURDAY,NOV 29. Stormy S.wind- thick cdd.more or less rain from 10 in the morning until near sunset- rained a good deal late at night- Merc. 36°-41°-44°-. Under some snarling circumstances prepared for riding in waggon to Hoosick Falls- Hopkins coachman- Encountered strong S.wind and rain the first 6 miles- travelling bad-but not to that degree it would have been,had not the grd been pretty soundly frozen at bottom-the surface only was thawed up. Started past 10-arrived at the village about 1 P.M.-Stabled horse at H. Parsons'-marched immediately to aunt Ruth's-found all well-cousin Ellen inclusive-paid Mrs Parsons for making B.Harwood's cloak $2.50"-also for bill

of trimmings for $2.17-in full of accounts. Found Mr. Andrew Blass, the young man who accomp'd me to & in N.Y. City, employed busily in his shop making a sleigh-appeared glad to see me-talked over whct passed in the city &c-paid him to his satisfaction 75cs money borrowed of him at the N.Y. Theatre-Bowery- Invited him to pay me a visit- Returned to aunt Ruth's-dined & conversed-saw 2 factory female boarders- About dark Simmons Burtis came to enquire after the big cheese which was bespoken in Aug last-told him it was on hand- He paid me in full $6.36 for 76 lbs 6 oz- he then took it out of the wagg-undertook to carry it home- Henry Parsons met & assisted him. visited the lady of H. Parsons-conversed a few moments with her & Mr. Clement, the schoolmaster-respecting the Markets & other noted parts of the splendid city of N.Y. Left Hopkins there & spent the remainder of the evening at Henry P's & S. Burtis'- Henry & self practiced music in rather a dry way. The great handsome sage cheese was divided by W. Ault, journeyman joiner to Burtis, between Parsons & Burtis-All hands appeared well satisfied with its quantity-so they ate pie & cheese before going to bed- Cousin Mariah appeared to take particular pains in fitting up lodgings for me, to which I retired past 10. It may be proper to note that I was informed that our friend Rial Parsons was absent in some part of Pennsylvania on a collecting tour- His brother Seth was also from home supposed to be somewhere in the neighborhood of N.Y.- Families all in usual health-

SUNDAY, NOV 30 Coldy-growing cold-wind high N.W Merc. 34°- Muddy traveling indeed. Before breakfast read some amusing articles in the F.Mag-Jan-1834. Had entertained a notion over night of being off very early-but owing to the rattling of a loose sash played against powerfully by wind- was kept awake some 2 hours-consequently on resuming sleep was not permitted to awaken until the clock struck 7-Therefore quietly gave it up- took a fine breakfast with cousin Henry & lady. Would mention seeing letters from Dan'l Gay to Miss Maria Chapin including one addressed to her since her marriage to cous. Henry-Gay is a cous, of hers on her mothers side-chair maker of Springfield-Ms-lately married- formerly when young lived at or near Gibbonsville-N.Y. Maria's father was a gunsmith by occupation & at the time of his death, 13 or 14 years since, had a lucrative employment under the U.S. Gov't at the arsenal. At this time, that is Nov 1834 her mother was more than usually ill-was a good deal worn down in taking care of her. Henry took me to the shop & shewed me all the late improvements made in the shearing machine- saw a large fine grindstone-likewise a pin board for keeping days, hours, & minutes with hands employed-but the system, tho' very minute & curious had not been acted up to-nor did he think it would be. We recrossed the river-~~Waited~~ Visited

an Irish lady to enquire to what place the parents of Mary Butler had removed ? She talked unusually broken English for an Irish lady-did not know-but referred us to Mary's brother residing close by in the Village. Whither we proceeded & learned enough to satisfy me that there was a prospect of getting her to live with us again. Her brother

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was preparing or had intended this day to write a reply to a late letter rec'd from her- would thoroughly urge her to return to this part of the country-would let her know how anxious we were to have her continue in our employment- The town where they liv'd was call'd Verona. As we were returning up street stept aside to look at the new house erecting by Mr. Wilder out of that formerly owned & occupied by Joseph Northup who in 1806 was married to a cous in of my father- Miss Lucinda-twin daughter of the late capt, Ezra Whipple formerly of Sunderland Vt. all since dead. Said old house was purchased by Mr. W of Mr. Chandler Ball-removed down the hill-sawed asunder a considerable number of feet to its length which was inserted between the two ends-new roofed & all snugly placed on permanent mason work & almost ready to go into by the family. For the first time in my life saw an auger for boring holes for posts in the ground. Assisted cousin Henry in boring a hole 3 feet deep- easily done & in a very little time. Nothing of moment ensued further than receiving from cousin Henry $1.59 in full for cheese sold to him on the 7th of Mar 1833- and plenty of compliments from all the ladies of our connexion there to mine here, daughter inclusive. Started past 12 from H. Parsons' just as the people were returning from the forenoon exercise- Parted with our cousin talking respecting his own & S. Burtis' cows, which he thought they should prefer selling in the Spring ensuing-esteeming it more for their profit to keep none at all. On the road home the wind blew cuttingly in our rear but all was totally forgotten in viewing the grand eclispe of the sun which this day occurred. At first we began to observe it before any clouds passed over to dull the sharpness of the rays. soon however there were light thin clouds intervening-so curiously transparent that all that could be viewed by the naked eye was most majestically & nobly shown up while we were slowly proceeding from a point near Mapleton meeting house to the line hill- halting at short intervals to take a view of a sight so rare & imposing. Hopkins said we stopped 6 times. Soon after witnessing the greatest obscuration, a small paring of the N. part of the sun only being left uncovered, the clouds became so dense, that little could be seen discovered as it came off.

it was darkest while we were driving from the old Kingon tavern house to the foot of the Line Hill. Reached home about sunset. wrote Jour'l most of the evg. Trusted Henry Warren with 5 lbs cheese at o/6 pr lb. would pay for it about the middle of next week- no say the pres't week. Borrowed & brought home from cousim Henry's a copy of the Travels of Cyrus-printed in Albany-1814- Read a few pages while riding along the road. At H. Corners met (with) & conversed a moment with our old fr'd T.C.Parsons-Doing well at his trade in that Village.

MONDAY -DEC'R 1st. Indian Summer-chilly S Wd cldy-signs of rain- Thermom'r morning 29°- Eveg 42°- made settlement with Geo. P.Harwood who for 9 months work at $11- exhibited an acct of $99-from which was substracted $33.40 in cash & goods credited to me- leaving balance in his favor of $60.60.-to which was added sum due on note given first of last March for interest on hired money- $18.00 -interest of the same since date-81 cs-total $79.41 All paid in full this day. Accomp'd by him rode off to make enquiry respecting pork. If we came in contact with pork growers the price for first quality was $6- On the contrary if the question were put to buyers-pork could be obtained at $5 or even less- it was going in Troy for little over $4- Descending the hill this side Saff'd Robinson's met uncle Sam & aunt Sarah Robinson in 1 h.wagg-going up to visit their children in the street- also met on horseback L.Beach- A moment chit chat was sufficient-both parties pursued their roites independently. Halted at Walbridge's mill & had grist of corn gr'd for Tho's Kent- Saw very fine hogs in the pens of both the Walbridges. Page Haynes had the management of those of Stebbins Sen'r, the latter invited me into his house while he could write a line for me to forward to Solomon Searls to whom being indebted on account of money hired of his sister who had lately died- and having promised him one of his finest hogs- wished to give him notice that he should butcher the same on Monday next- They were getting dinner meantime-invited me to sit down-so I did- Mr.Ruttenbur,Page H. young Ebenezer-old gent & lady &c present-asking many questions about making cheese- Dinner soon over-Geo. & self,not forgetting our friend'd meal,were soon away- Halted at Hinsdill & Swift's-horses & waggons numerously congregated around front of house & store- Went in and found Ed & hands very busy- Huntington one of the clerks not present-Drug was on his post. wanted 12 pounds raisins.-Ed said could furnish them-asked his price said 1/0 Yk-but as I took so many-would sayd 8/o lawful for the whole. Could not wait upon us under half an hour-customers were so numerous among whom we noticed the son & daughter of J.Starin Esq'r. We also saw outside the store our speculator Hunting ton of cheese memory-said Brown made nothing on our

dairy only in an inderect way-went to help off poorer lots-that was all. In consequence of having seen Aaron Sherwood Esq'r who informed us of having a very superior lot of hogs which he invited us to call & see-we shaped our course for his homse. taking the new road N.of mr Gale's-travelling very mean. On arrival there found the old gentleman at home who shewed us 10 as fine hogs of small frame as perhaps are hardly ever seen-fattened almost exclusively on meal of old Ind.corn- Agreed to take one of his best males at $6-deliv'd here-unless I should order otherwise within 1 week. Soon we were off-took the road leading directly E. to Harmon's-travelling unpleasant-roads too soft,to much cut up to admit of anything like celerity in our movement-after awhile gained the Pool place-next S. of the Harmon brick house where were hanging 15 pretty fair looking dressed hogs- Saw Mr.Pool,Mr.Kelly,Mr.Noble & others-Gave Mr.N. notice that I had seen pork or swine that I was better suited with than his-therefore should not buy of him-all passed off well enough-so we continued on our course for home-Meeting Mr.T.Daniels some short distance from his house with a butcher knife in his hand-on enquiry said he had been to Loomis' butchering beef-Sylvanus also we saw in his waggon-said he would visit us accomp'd by his lady-would bring Orrin's Note too-

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near capt Hicks' barn met Gen'l Weeks on foot in fine spirits. Called at D. Robinson Jun's took in tub & got home just before dark-not mmitting to call at F.Blackmer's where was rec'd Spect.of Nov 27. Father with some assistance from Adeline had bowed up every hoof of the cattle &c &c. Aunts Lydia & Diadamia had visited here during a part of the day-doing well-both returned up street together at the close of the day. I spent the evening writing in this thing & composing a letter to Miss Mary Butler of Verona,N.Y. inviting her very strongly to come and live with us again. See Oct 3 & 5

TUESDAY, DEC'R 2. Clouds thick with some faint showers of rain.surface of the ground pretty soft-perhaps there was little or no frost in it- no snow eexcepting on mountains and small drifts- Thermometer varying only from 42° to 47° until eveg. when it fell to 38°-wind springing up from N.W. Banking the house was the chief employment-some other small affairs were also attended to. Geo.complained of lameness under one of his should'r blades- vonveyed grist of corn in the ear to mill-executed errand at the shoemaker's-collected $5 due from Geo.Gilson for 20 bhls potatoes deliv'd 26 Ap'l last. Paid Elisha Lyon $1.56 in full for lumber rec'd Nov 27. Saw Dr.N.Swift-settled a small acc't of his own-amounting as he told me,to 75 cs-Got home in season for killing

9 chickens for Thanksgiving- Related some offers he had rec'd for letting money &c- Elihu Wright was here a part of the eveg.while I was reading the Adventures of Lieut. Pinkham U.S.Navy-in Ireland,Eng'd,Scotland- his getting the cottage repaired in which was born the father of the celebrated Paul Jones of Revolutionary days,(~~was-born~~) Perused some other good pieces-played the flute-ended a long eveg writing-

Sent of to the P.O. the letter addressed to Mary Butler-post paid- this morning

WEDNESDAY, ~~NOV~~ Dec 3. Raw N.W.Wd-cldy-thermometer stood from 32° to 34-Evening down to 28°- Lumber from Lyon's was regularly piled with sticks placed between the boards to admit of their seasoning. Chopping was performed in woods by father & me-Geo.visited the grist mill,procured cob meal-executed other business- bargained to B. Day Qu'R beef- returned with hay knife made by Harry Norton-for $1.50 on a/c.
Hopkins came home from school with Mr.Hubbard's Term bill for $2.75". In the evening Geo.& self paid a visit to his hon Judge L.Norton,by whom we were very handsomely rec'd.Conversed on politics,lk looked at the New Map of the U States and book attached to it- Read a part of Pope's Preface to his Homer- Heard particulars of the road laid from Dea'c Hinsdill's to Sage' City- from which it appears as at first planned,chiefly through his management,that the town,had it not failed would have escaped every cent of expence- Ate some very fine apples-Came home by 10 at night across lots-

THURSDAY, DEC'R 4. Fine-fair-cold-merc.20°-32°-34°-28°-the little snow which thinly coated the earth in these parts on Saturday morning-had mostly vanished in low grounds and even on great part of mountains in sight. No great penetration of frost at present. Benjamin Harwood, his daughter-in-law,grand children of this family and G.P.Harwood attended Divine Service at the Cong' Meeting house-center of Bennington- Our good friend John C.Presho took Thanksgiving supper with us-appeared to be in excellent spirits.T.Kent had oxen to get 2 lds wood.

There was no small stir occasioned in Town by a case of Small Pox in the family Gen.D.Robinson-in the person of a young fellow of colour who was said to have taken it in Troy at the time of the late execution in that City where the disorder was said to be prevalent-

My time was principally devoted in writing a long letter to my uncle Jonas Harwood partly in reply to his of Aug & Sept last- rec'd early in Oct (See Oct 3 & Sept 7-) and partly giving a running account of deaths of persons formerly known to him.Had some Politicks intermixt- Enumerated principal characters on both sides residing in this town.

FRIDAY,DEC'R 5. Quite pleas't,rather mild for winter- Merc.22°-32°-40°-28°-
Father, Geo & Hopkins worked in the woods- 3 lds wood were bro't home-I unbowed cows-shovel'd manure out of stables-completed writing letter to J.Harwood-Had a considerable share in foddering & stabling cattle at night. We were up very early in the morning. John C. seemed to enjoy well his breakfast with us & then marched direct for his school at Irish Corner. Geo. Robinson & one of the Bucks came down to grind broad & narrow axes-were some stumped at finding the old instead of the new grindstone to grind on. G.P. had put in the new crank on Monday or Tuesday pres't week. Mrs S.Harwood paid visit to the family of H.Waters- returned with our sister Lydia whose health still continued improving. Miss Adeline M. was of the party at W's

SATURDAY,DEC'R 6. Very early there was snow or hail which soon turned to rain. which continued falling by turns most of the day-but it was very far from being one of our old soakes Surface of the ground thawed up,bad getting about. Merc. 36°-40°-44°-38°-34°-

Geo.P.Harwood engaged to work for us 1 year from the first of the present month for the sum of $120-to be his own judge of the severity of the weather during the present winter-at his option whether to work abroad on such tedious days as often occur at this season. A new hay-knife lately made by Henry Norton was elegantly ground by G.P.- I attended to affairs at the barn-turned grindstone a part of the time-father also having a share in s'd employment- Examined papers respecting the Trial of The Pirates in Boston who robbed the Mexican of Salem Ms off the coast of Africa of $20,000- I think in Aug 1833

Mrs Hiram Waters with her children paid a very social visit to our ladies- Hopk's performed the office of coachman for her- Said her husb'd & hands had obtained a release from the service of Dea'c Hinsdill. S.H.Brown this evening came over with Elihu Wright-said his people were dipping candles-wanted a few additional pounds of tallow- Bo't lbs 10.15oz on book- Henry Warren had oxen & cart to draw 1d ~~wd.~~ Perused Travels of Cyrus-a few pages-too much love- rather sickening. Read afterwards Confession of Chas Gibbs the Famous Pirate who had a hand in robbing & burning an immense number of vessels on the coast of Cuba & murdering the crews -hanged along with black Wansley a brother chip- 22d April 1831.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 7 Held on cldy & moderate,calm & thawy.Merc.34°-to 39°.Wrote little. Read over some parts of Guthrie-particularly a note under the head of New Discoveries-giving an account of the origin of capt.Cook's Voyages followed by a pretty little abridgment of the history of those voyages including the death of that

extraordinary man- Also late in the day highly entertained myself perusing Blair's Lectures on Style,Composition &c in writing.

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Geo.,Adeline & Hopkins heard the preaching of Mr. Hooker on what constituted the true character of a Deacon in the Church. From another clergyman they heard the old story so often repeated of late of the great strides taken by the Catholics for the exclusive establishment of their Order in the Great Valley of the Mississippi &c &c--

Much alarm yet prevailed on account of Small Pox. Owen Rood visited us at night. Some part of my Jour'l on the way to N.Y.was written out in a small book which I took with me for such purpose. It is pretty flat-but perhaps it may do no mischief, if it does no good.

Letter to Jonas Harwood

My letter to my uncle in Ohio was sealed this evening & made ready for the Post Office.It gives an acc't of the season past-crops- List of deaths for 8 or 9 years past.Political opinions of father & myself and many principal characters in town with whom he was formerly acquainted. Situation of the family throughout-Hiram Waters' ~~fine-lis-y~~ fire last Spring- Touching on the prospects in life of my aunt Waterman as also those of Uncle Clark in West Rutland-bringing in uncles & aunts in this town for a share of notice Sending compliments to our cousin Erastus Taylor-mentioning my father's visit to his father in Sept. last-compliments very particularly to my old friend Barnet Dixon- to capt. Asa Doty & family with notice of his age which according to my father must be a little over 70- In short this was a full letter-every corner being improved,so as to convey to the person whom it was address'd the most ample information it was possible to give in the same space- I mean such as he would naturally seek. For a view of his letter of Sept 25-See Sept 7 & the last page in that vol of my Jour'l.

Mention of death of J H Aug 6 1837

MONDAY,DEC'R 8. Heavy clds were sent up from the S-a considerable quantity of rain was the result.those having low wells & empty reservois joyfully hailed the day,but yet there seemed to be a scanty supply-not in profusion as we sometimes get rains at this season. By night the wind hauled round to N.W. and blew heavily-dispersed the clds in a hurry-giving us a pretty fair moon-light evening. Merc. 40°-38°-28°-ten at night.

Oats were threshed by Geo & me-cattle duly looked to-Beetle made by B.Harwd. Sent letter to the Post O. by Hopkins directed to Mr. Jonas Harwood,Parkman,Ohio- Returning from the Office bro't Spectator from F.Blackmer's.Nov 20-Decl & Dec 4

The last contained the President's Message-perused that part relating to French Affairs-viewed it to be just & politick- Those Frenchmen ought to make up in some measure the losses sustained by our merchants in time of Napoleon's Mad & unlawful Decrees-In the first there was a full account of the burning of the Parliament House,Eng'd in Oct. Letters respecting La Fayette very interesting- Parts of testimony on Trial of Pirates at Boston & above all the Trial in Maine before the S. Court of Major Mitchell,a boy of 12 years of age-whippinh,maiming,thumping,bruising,half drowning & stripping naked another boy 7 1/2. The jury brought him in guilty & the young steel heart was sentenced to the State Prison 9 years--Too good for him.

TUESDAY,DEC'R 9. Rough indeed-roads very unpleas't Flying clds-sharp wd N.W.Mercury stood about 18° when first seen in the morning-remained long at 20°-was not seen to be over 24° all day-down again to 20° at sunset & in the evening. Father,Geo. & Hopkins with team operated in the woods-prepared 4 logs for the saw mill got home a quantity of wood. I performed some of the usual offices about the barn-barbered-grumbled-as customary with me always on the occasion. Saw Mrs Duncan with her daughter(grand) Louisa Potter- P.M. rode to Frank Blackmer's-deliv'd 20 lbs 6 oz butter- put off payment until the delivery of the remainder-receiving cr.therefor- Saw Isaac Allen & Levi Hill Mun.& Hiram Scott-afterwards capt. P.Dewey who was going to E.Village to sit as juryman on the cause of Elder Haynes-accused of having sold unclean pork- I have no time or tact for giving particulars. Made a shor short call at Doc't Heman Swift's- talked of President's Message- liked what was said in regard to the French-but not what was advanced on the Bank- Cotton was also mentioned which made him state that his brother Noadiah would eventually lose 12 2100 dollars in the Doolittle Cott.Factory. Visited Betsey & Lucy Street in their new house lately finished-they appeared happy & comfortable-the former said she'd make me a pair of pantaloons by the end of a fortnight. Martin Scott 2d was there- Returned to B's store-both on cr 1 lb tea-58cs- pap.pins 10c- & 1 doz tobacco pipes-8cs- and drove home- H.Waters hands were employed at house framing. S.H.Blackmer was at his brother's sometime before I came away-talked pretty sharply on politicks & then cleared for the Pork Trial-E.Village. Cousin Henry Robinson 2d came in the early part of the day to see cous.Geo respecting money- engaged $75.00-came again in the eveg. gave a note for the same-due 6 mo's from date. signed by himself & brother Uel M.--Finished reading the President's Message- Got over,in my opinion the Post Office concern very easy. cleared up Internal improvements vastly to his own renown if we take his word for it. I think what he advanced re-

Elder Haynes Bad Meat

Doolittle Factory

specting Pensions was very proper. But on the Bank his bitterness is without bounds. Allowing that the Institution has done wrong- yet the Corporation as men have rights-let them be heard in their own defence- & not crush them at once,as it appears he would if he had power-only from mere inference. Jonas F.Billing sent & got the last of the cider before I got home & just as the folks got down from the woods- Think we were about even as I understood his cask of 43 Gs was considered to be full with the exception of 3 Gs-

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 10. Not extremely cold-taking into view the lateness of the season. cldy about all day- cleared off in the eveg.Merc.13° 30°-24°- Business kept father,Geo & Hopks in the woods only till some past 12.The two former P.M. over-hauled the W end of the wood shed. Twenty five bushels rye sent from Abisha Kingsley pr son-taken in & paid for in full at 75cs- $18.75 .

A grist of ears Ind.corn was prepared for the mill-leather selected for making coarse boots for B.Harwood Esq'r. Adeline packed her things,books inclusive for H.Waters intending there to reside while attending school the present Term. Hopkins waited upon her and drove down to the Village. meeting me against W.S.Southworth's- I had come thither across lots on foot- had spoken a moment with our female friend Miss Eunice Jewett as she rode up to Wrisleys' (in Tan Brook) on horseback. Mutually encouraging (one another) each other in steady pursuit of the dairying business. Got measured at T. Davis' for suit- Saw very handsome pictures of fashionable dandies- scenery extremely interesting & grand. Walked

1834 Bennington Dec'r 11,1834 over to the office of W.S.Southworth where but a moment was spent- Noticed Map of Vermont & N. Hampshire on the same sheet-remarked that united they would form one very respectable State but as the politicks of the latter now stood it was not desirable- Mr. Fisk the Constable was busily engaged with S against whose polite invitation to tarry I went out to join my son who had at that moment arrived with mare & waggon. Proceeded over very rough travelling to the grist mill. left grist with orders to have it ground before sunset- Friend Hamlen had read & liked parts of the Pres. Mess.particularly that part relating to France- Drove on up to James Harwood's. His interesting lady said he had gone up to the Furnace way-expected him back every moment. We waited a short time during which I made use of pen & ink to convey instructions how to make father's boots-informing him after telling that I would pay promptly for the work,that we had 2 farrow cows to sell which he must come over & see. On returning down the road-met a gentleman with a copy

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of a new History of the U.S. accomp'd by a map of the same of small size- together delivered to subscribers at $2-if separate-the former with plates at $1.75 the latter at 50- Chose not to buy- At the corner where the blacksmith's shop lately owned by Alson Squires,stands,parted with the boy,who was sent for the grist & marched down to J.Norton &Co's store. Enquired for friend John who they said I should find at Lyman's office- accordingly I did so- Saw him among his neighbors sitting there as if in some public employment- Just as I was going over

Judgment against Haynes

from the store saw Gore who said Elder Haynes was fined by jury to amount of $15 for selling bad pork knowing'g. Those whom I recollect seeing at the office were Capt. A.Abell, B.Squires, I.Doolittle, S.B.McEowen,Lyman himself,Luther Park &c- Took Norton aside to see if he would buy our brandy made last Fall,say 1833- but came to no conclusion upon it offered 40cs pr gall payable in goods & 2/o if in money- Put it over to an another day- Walked on to ~~another-day-~~ Davis' Just running into Weeks' Hall by tn way to view his new map $10. Rec'd pantaloons as agreed upon- the remainder to lie over to another day- Hopk's came along with his charge,but capt. A.Hyde appearing at that moment on the opposite side of the road-chose rather to walk with him as far as the meetinghouse- Conversed on the P's Mess. & the Bank- He thought there was some pretty able reasoning in that State Paper- but it was not right respecting the Bk which in consequence of the measures bursued by the Gov't must & ought to go down & have a new one-created in its stead. There was a short halt made at H.Waters 'where on being invited to sup made some sport for my sister & daughter by refusing the offer under the plea of disliking her cooking- Got home early in the evening received information that A.Sherwood Esq'r had sent by his son a fine fat hog weighing 396 lbs to us according to contract. Regretted being absent because had I been at home whold have paid in hand for the pork- had forgotten to leave a sum for that purpose when going away, not previously knowing on what day it would be deliv'd. They offered to make out $18. but the young man rather preferred waiting until the whole could be paid at once. During eveg. read-Judge Story's Charge to Jury on Trial of Pirates at Boston & other good articles in the Spectator.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 11. Continued cldy the whole day excepting a short time in the mg The theromometer was not know to vary a degree the last 12 hours-steadily at 39°- The pork was (p)cut up,after having hung in the shed over night,by G.P. Harwood,well packed edgewise & thoroughly salted by the same. All the manoeuvres in regard to that business being disposed of the wood shed was thoroughly repaired for winter- I mean say 10 feet of the west end-made more roomy by bein g raised on higher posts than it was formerly. Sam Scott paid us

a mornings visit- talked much respecting his cow & other fine stock such as the farmers in Hoosick rear. Also related the affecting manner of his dog's death. Hopkins attended school under Mr. Hubbard- Searched the Farmer's Manual for a composition on gardening. Some interesting articles were read by Geo & me therein. Perused a fine speech by Mr. Webster at the Charlestown Celebration by the Whigs on account of the great victory obtained in Mass. at late Elections. Henry Warren had cart & oxen to get 1 load of wood.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 12. Held on cldy-very calm-steady moderate-Mountains capt with fleecy snow- Roads remarkably rough- McAdam forming a noble exception- Merc. 29° to 34°

The old barn underwent repairs by Geo assisted & advised by B.Harwood Esq'r. I marched up Street along with Hopkins- Everything proceeded well apparrently, at H.Waters'- Sills of his new house placed on foundation-a number of hands ardently engaged framing- expecting soon to have the frame ready to raise. Found Hiram serving out money very freely to

H.Waters

such persons as called having demands against him- Among these were Henry Robinson 2d, Hiram Blackmer & Owen Rood. Saw a letter from his late employer, Lathrop of Arlington-giving strong encouragement of getting his pay ere long- used every exertion to collect the money with every all possible despatch. Rood's term of service had expired. From H.W's went to Sanford & Brown's in quest of school books for Hopkins-had none, such as we wanted. Mr. Sanf'd offered me a 2d hand vallisse at $2-refused to buy. Visited P.Office- Eastern stage came in. attendants in the office very busy-Nothing there for me. Spoke a word or two with our respected friend Sam'l Fay on the President's quarrel with the Bank of the U. States-intimating that he had effected its ruin by

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the same means that the credit of all monied institutions may be assailed -that credit resembled in many respects female chastity. Continued my walk, accompanied by Hopkins to L.Patchin's or L.P.&Co's meeting on the sidewalk our old friend D.Robinson Jr who politely rebuked me for not calling on him for the pay for his butter which will be seen was deliv-

D.Robinson' Gold

sered on the evening of Nov 28- He now put in my hands 2 very handsome $5 gold pieces-coined the present year- which he said I must severally give to my wife and daughter- repeating the charge that I must certainly do so- I passed it off with a laugh- careful not to commit myself- Rec'd pay in full by his adding 31 cs in silver. Entered the store- bought 13 lbs ordinary brown sugar $1 on book-David followed us in & some talk ensued respecting the late capt. Safford & his property which was gulled & fraudulently wrung out of him by namesakes & others relatives or not relatives. Mr Robinson spoke for his butter another year immediately after paying me in the street. Visited Clark's Reading Room under the printing office- Obtained Gazette for the

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proprietor J.C.Haswell.
Conversed a short while with S.Clark and M.L. Selden on sale & amount of dairy the pres't season & some other domestic concerns. Passed compliments with Col.Merrill . Called over to N.L.Robinson's bo't 3 small lemons for 18 3/4 cs-pd- left with him $5.50 to buy 1 bbl flour at Troy-transportation inclusive-to send next week pr L.Hawks- N.L's lady entering the grocery passed usual compliments. Counted out $23.76" ready to forward to A.Sherwood for the pork rec'd on Wednesday-Soon after seeing L B.Dewey entrusted the same to him with the view of sending it as desired. Against B.F.Fay's store seeing J.F.Robinson-proposed selling him a farrow cow-he wanted one & would come & see. Hopkins followed me & when we arrived against the Burying Ground-entered the same- Read a good many epitaphs among the rest observed that of my grandfather Peter Harwood-all very proper excepting the spelling of his name, which through carelessness on the part of Mr. Roger Booth, the stone cutter, was altered from "Harwood" to "Herwood", a blunder that I had never before observed, according to the best of my observation. Saw many very beautiful monuments executed in a new & imposing style-among which might be mentioned those of Mrs Doolittle, Alonzo B.Stiles, Mrs Ruttenbur-capt.J.Norton, J.Kinsley Scott- Next, after quitting the place, entered the store of F. Blackmer- Bo't slate & pencil, 25 cs, for Hopk's- 3 small Shaker sieves 5/o- 2 doz opaque goose quills at 25cs and perhaps something more. then having heard black Joel tell an annecdote about breaking a pitcher for Col. Somebody in Ludlow, Vt- came to Hiram Waters'-dined with Adeline. Previous to all these last movements-had given to Hopkins $ 2.75 with orders to pay the term bill of Mr. Tho's H. Hubbard, Princp'l B.Acad. Came home-soon after harnessed mare to wagg. seated lady & self for E. Village-halted & left bed at H.Waters. drove to the store of Aus.B & Co (so called in 1833) Leghorn hat selected for trial by wife-to be returned soon. price $3.25-Saw a number of persons there either transacting business or looking on. On returning up street met many people of our acquaintance coming from Friday meeting- Called again at F.Blackmer' bo't mopstick 1/o- 2 balls wicking-forgot how high the price- 10 oz salt petre-locs all on book- Came to H.Waters-made a short visit. Adeline present - the L hat was examined by all parties and favorably spoken of. Got home early in the evening. Perused papers & penny magazine in which were many interesting articles. Let me mention that we returned to F. Blackmer the largest of those small sieves price 37c account of the same being crossed out. Adeline talked of studying French

SATURDAY, DEC'R 13. Snowed from the S. until past 12 not over 4 inches deep-came drivingly & in the eveg the wind played very briskly from N.W. Merc. 30°-35°-34°- Threshing oats by Geo. & self-Shoeing sled-by Benj Harwood Esqr- Hopkins past noon returned from half day school- Asked him if he had paid Mr. Hubbard ? No Sir- Ordered him off forthwith to do it- and accordingly he did- No more whining respecting that. J.B.Dewey came in the evening to see us. Supp'd along with Hopks. Staid all night. Had not been to the Henry Ore Bed consequently could not pay Sherwood-gave back the money. Raisin preserves were made by my lady- Washing & ironing done on small scale by our sister Lydia. Pickle for hams prepared & applied to hams in the evening. Just before sunset Sam'l Wadsworth, accomp'd by the joiner Godby, came with his horses & waggon & conveyed away joiner's tools for Hiram Waters. Complained of unexpected expenses in erecting a late building-very friendly to H. Waters. I was up late writing-retiring not until past 12 at night. Read commencement of the Trial of Convent Rioters-copied by N.Y. Spect. of Dec 8 from Boston Transcript.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 14 Most unusually cold-broken clds flying before a constant, strong cutting, piercing N.Wd. Cold on the increase all day commencing by Farenheit at 16° in the morning & falling down to 10° below zero by 11 in the evening. No one ventured to church from this house. Papers & books kept me in reading employment when not otherwise engaged-Did not take time to shave- Sylvanus W Daniels rode down from the meeting house in his sleigh at noon-made but short stay. In the evening the cold had increased so astoundingly that, after examinging & greasing sheeses stored in the big cupboard-N. end of the old kitchen-, we, in order to secure about 41 pans milk from freezing had it transferred from the place usually styled "The Milk Room" into the S'd kitchen. occupying tables, chairs & benches. Besides doing as statedesome little amusement was derived from the recollection & setting down of proper names of persons known by any member of our family to have ever resided for a shorter or longer period in our immediate neighbornood or within the bounds of the School District to which we belong-containing but 1 syllable- The list approached to nearly 70 before it was laid aside, tow'd the clos of the eveg, and then we did not believe our memories were exhausted. Kept fires going until 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, DEC'R 15. Continued cldy-but not so dark & thick as at some periods. The nights especially were very fine-being about the full of the moon. Sleighing very indifferent. The ~~cel~~ cold had arrived at a point hardly ever exceeded in this climate-at about 6 in the morning-Mercury had descended to 16°-and about 7 to 18° below zero, and afterwards it very slowly returned to 10°-stood

a while at 4° below-at length came up to Zero- but in all day,to 7 or 8 o'clock in the eveing was not observed to have reached higher than 8° above. Except a sort of feathery frost-there was no gain of snow. (At half past (12) 11 in the eveg.the thermometer stood at 14° above Zero. Instead of half past 12 should be half past 11 at night. Father finished reading Henry Clay-shelled corn along with Hopkins who did not attend school. H.Waters,Godbee & G.Rob. were fully employed in cutting timber on the wood lot owned by the first mentioned gentleman,who affected or honestly said he felt no inconvenience from cold. mrs Wrisley washed here as usual on Mondays. Geo. & self walked to town-made first halt-short too-at H Waters.' children doing well since being vaccinated. youngest suffering a little the most.operation performed in the leg.second halt at L.Patchins & CO's-where there were a number of persons assembled together mostly of our acquaintaince. among whom were Saff'd Robinson,Ira Hawks,Dr.Gilbert,Wm.Robinson,Warren Pierce,L.Patchin &c. Saff'd gave me verbally a recipe for making a composition to apply to boots & shoes that they may be impervious to water which I reduced to writing. Pierce negotiated a bargain for goods payable in wood- I bot' of the Firm 7 1/2 yds domestic full'd cloth-3/4 wide-at,what I understood him to say 6/6 pr yd which according to my arithmetic would amount to $8.12,but it must be he said more because after seeing it measured,without casting myself,requested the full amt of it he said $8.42. Geo only bo't a red woll'n comforter for which he paid down 42 cs. Something was said between Pierce & me respecting cows for which he offered hay cut on the old Lawrence farm-suspecting it not to be such as I should like,the subject was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Patchin made some free remarks to capt. Hawks, Dr.G. &c. in relation to the appoint'm of a Deac. in the Cong.Church-mainly showing that if they,the C., should choose one professing the principles of Foote & the Abolitionists,the ruin of sd C. & the very respectable Society attached thereto must follow.,they would of course lose the fine services of so good a man as Mr. Hooker- Mr. Ostrander of Hoosick came to bargain away pork to Mr. Patchin- a kind of conditional contract was entered into the particulars of which I did not learn,my attention no being directed that way- Price was about $5- By that gentleman forwarded the sum mentioned on the 12th to Aaron Sherwood by way of his brother Lemuel, at whose house it was to be left. The cloth which I bought was manufactured in the family of our respected friend-Abisha Kinsley-So said Mr.Robinson. Sent 75cs to Jacob Pool by Geo P. to pay for repairing 2 pairs hand bellows,one of which we now rec'd. Saw D.Rob. a mom't-said his daughter-in-law was ill. Came to F.B's Saw A.Rob-Old & young Chandler,Mr. Scott 2d -&- memb of church who soon withdrew to attend the meeting convened for appointing a deacon in the place of Dr. Bigelow whose appointment had

been obtained at a previous meeting only by the casting vote of the Moderator, Mr. Hooker-who feeling that it was a delicate point, had the present meeting call'd to reconsider the vote & go over the ground once more- Was since informed that they very happily hit upon the venerable personage known by the name of Aaron Hubbell Esq'r for the office of Deacon- much to the satisfaction of all parties. Dunn'd Geo Gilson for money due for beef deliv'd in Oct-would pay before long- Looked at pencil cases of silver, out of date-which served to show how the article had been improved in appearance within a few years-didn't purchase. Receiving Spect. of Dec 11 we leaned for home-meeting in a 2 horse sleigh-Levi Smedley Jun-from Will'stown-usual compliments were hastily exchanged-parties enjoying tolerable health on either side -had a young lady with him-presently (we having called at the tin shop & viewed Gover's Improved stove, but bo't nothing) he again overtook us with an additional female-his eldest daughter-going to S. Loomis'-Against S.H. Brown's were met by H. Waters and hands going home fine prospects in the timber department. The eveg most mostly spent in reading papers & occasionally turning the big square churn-but no butter came. Col. Stone used up the Sec. of the Treasury in his remarks on the Am. Report. Mr Patchin said the mercury in his thermometer descended to 19° below zero this morning beating ours 1°.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 16. Cldy-some slight snow feathers flying- wind S. until about noon afterwards very fresh but not high from N.-Merc 26° or 24° monng- Past 12 from 32° fell rapidly down to 26°-kept on going down until past 8 in the eveg. when it was seen at 10°. Employed with cous G. at threshing oats-mainly. Father taking grist of rye & corn for the mill accompanied by our sister Lydia up to H. Waters' performed errands at tailor Davis & shoemaker Jas Harwood's. Returned in good season with L.- but bro't no grist. I soon afterwards-accompanied by my lady visited the store formerly owned by Aust B. & Co in waggon bo't & paid $3 for a Leghorn flat or hat. Returned to H. Waters 'where the woman made a short call. Hopkins went with me to Sanfd & B's to know if their Dictionaries had arrived from Troy-had not- warmed awhile- Saw Post M Kellogg there- Trott'd over to F. Blackmer's- looked at S.S. Scott's music- obtained Walton's Vt Register for 1835-price 25" which was paid on delivery- Returned to H.W's- Saw Adeline who was pale & very hoarse from having a bad cold-wanted a few cents in money, gave her q- joined by Hopkins, came home. Commenced reading Blair on Eloquence- very fine I think. Mart. Scott 2d was at B's store while I was there. The boys, G & H made up the composition for boots & shoes this eveg-according to Recipe. Hiram Waters & same hands were employ'd as stated on the 15th.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 17 Mainly pleasant-light flying cldy from S. Severe in the morning. Merc. from 8° to 10° below Zero- rose to 14° above. descended at night to 4° counting the same way- Continued threshing oats until noon-then assisted by father 44 1/2 bhls were winnowed & stored in shed loft- M.Waters & his man Godbee were in his woods cutting timber logs . Calvin Fay employed himself in drawing wood to town on sled. Hopkins produced his first composition to Mr. Hubbard-Prin. B. Acad.

Great day with Mrs Harwood for making over butter- F.Blackmer's ready for him. W. hay mow-S.end in front of stable cut down to within 18 inches or 2 feet of the ground. Most of the evening employed in writing a letter to J.A.Wight-Lanesboro' Ms- Nothing unusual was advanced. Telemachus was requested for Adeline with directions as to what books she would need to studying French and where to find them-and to forward his bill of said book- If he sent the book in a box to have it left at Love's- For news informed him of Deac. Hinsdill & followers leaving the church and app't of A.Hubbell Esqr as Deac. in H!s place and some very trifling domestic occurances. Would not however forget letting him what we know respecting the small pox & some little movements connected therewith. Made him out a friendly good natured kind of a letter.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 18 Mild. Thick clds drag the mountain tops-seemed now & then disposed to shower snow on us- very little wind stirring-sun scarcely seen during the day-very calm- Merc. 14°-29°- 24°- above Zero. Resumed threshing oats. At night the lumber cutter was launched. -but not used. Perused Blair on Eleque-nce. An art much more highly cultivated & understood by the An't Greeks & Romans than by the Moderns. But I apprehend'd the learned author quite underrates the latter. Look at the Pitts,Foxes,Burkes,Sheridans,Currans,Phillips' &c of Eng & Ireland-and then at our great Patrick Henry,Fisher Ames, J.Randolph, Henry Clay and many others of our countrymen whose eloquence in my opinion would rival the fattest of the ancients-not even excepting the Whales of the art. - Demosthenes & Cicero.

Tried my hand some at music-pretty day- Hay mow S.E. qr. new barn-broached.

1834 Bennington,Dec. 19 1834 The peculiar features of the weather described on the 18th more justly apply to this day. Thawed slightly-wd.E merc. 28°-35°-30°- A few rods of rail fence was erected,threshing oats & working up wood-by B. & G.P. Harwood. Marched early to the P.O.-entered letters to J.A.Wight- Rec'd one from him dated-Lanesboro' Dec'r 17-occupying three full close pages shiefly on the History of Eng'd, which he had just finished reading in 16 Vols.-by Hume,Smollett one unknown & Dr Bissett. Of all these Hume pleased him best.

the last next best-Smollett could not beat at all. His remarks are very happy on the authors and on the thread of History & his reflections on the causes of the Separation of the Colonies from the mother Country are to my understanding discreet & just. If leisure & patience were given me should delight in copying it in this vol. but as I am led to be giving place to my own small daily affairs-must pass along-merely noticing that he seemed to think himself pretty comfortably situated in life-said he wanted to send the book requested by Adeline-waiting for an opportunity for so doing. Wished me to write whether I had been to N.Y.-whether I had purchased Webster's large Dictionary? Hoped I would have no bad luck with cows or horses schools or women,money or millers- yet to remember that this world is not all sweet. Spent his Thanksgiving pleas'tly-saw a lady marr'd to a gentleman which gave occasion for him to say how well he would liketo have a wife if she were a good one. But considered it important first that the flour barrel should not be able to howl. In short he sent me a sentemental,lively letter-written in 2 hours exactly. Waited upon my lady upstreet-to trade out the value of a few rags at L.P.& Co's Saw Mr. A. Sears a few moments at her house respecting beef-her husband was engaged at lumbering in Shirkshire- N.Daniels came up with a ld of wood from that quarter. Next called at the printing office got Gazette of the 16th. Saw Capt J.S.Robinson to whom returned the first vol. of Milton's Thology which I had kept nearly 1 year & never read excepting a few pages only. Called over to N.L. Robinson's had sent for flour by capt I.Hawks-Returning to the store of L.P.& Co met & exchanged a few words with D.R.Jun. who said something to my wife in regard to the gold pieces latelyp paid over by him for butter-procured straps left at his house at the time of delivering said butter- Bro't the woman down to H. Waters' whence after a short tarry she walked home-leaving me to settle with F.Blackmer for his butter bill which for 49 lb 12 oz amounted to $ 8.29 out of which was substracted $2. for use of N.Y. Spect.one year ending on the first of Jan'y 1835- and 1.37 1/2 for F. Brandy had in April last for the purpose of potting cheese. Agreed to take the Spect another year at the same rates. Capt. Hyde being present seated himself in the waggon & rode with me to E.Village- very sociable respecting certain Revolutionary officers known to him in Connecticut- especially that Gen'l Huntington who formed a part of the family of the Commander in Chief. Drew a pension of $20 per month,lived very voluptiously-died poor-leaving no property to 5 daughters & a son. At Doolittle's Mill there were a good many customers present- cousin Judah Harwood & David Harwood inclusive- Millers both there-They had been pecking the stones usually made use of in grinding the rye & corn- My friend Asahel said Raymond ha had been harping him on the money concern.

Said if R. didn't let him alone he should get made bye & bye- See Jour'l for Jan 18 and oward 1834. Old Mr. Corbet from Pownal had business at the mill. Having rec'd grist was soon away-and being comfortably up Meetinghouse Hill- shaped my course across the green intending to call on the lady of Hon. H. Hall to see if she wanted more beef-but meeting her against the garden of Dr. Swift the younger as she was coming over to Friday meeting she informed she was wishing for a h'd qu'r. This did not exactly square with my calculations-told her I would consult at home-if our ladies would give way-she should be accomodated -would give information next day-Not long in reaching home-bearing the Spect. of the 15th in which during the evening reading speeches of Clayton & others of the H. of Rep. on French Affairs-breathing a spirit of peace. Saw J.B. Dewey drawing wood for his friend Pierce from the old House wood lot lately owned by S.H.Brown. In E. Village saw,as I returned from the mill,Sam'l Wadsworth who was going somewhere with a log of timber on his sled-told me his son Will'm would have for sale a fine cow as good as any I had ever bo't of him- Thanked him for the information-wishing him to let me know of as many such chances as should fall in his way from this time to next spring- He said he would. Mrs Wrisley agreeable to request of Hon. B.Harwood,performed at needle work here on pantaloons intended for that gentleman. Let me not omit to mention that Mr. Wight expressed himself favorably regarding the late Message of Pres. Jackson-more especially on what was said on the French Question-looking upon it as dignified & proper- was sick of the Bank-would let that go- As to Int'l Improvement- did not know very well-had doubt about it.On the whole it was so good-would not be invidious enough to ask who wrote it-would only say that were it as bad as Jackson's worst pieces,it would be better than any King of England could have written, since the days of James the first. Besides the Hist. of Eng'd had read 2 vs. P.Mag.Quarto,and attended to his school. This was giving a pretty good history of himself since leaving Bennington-forming to the main hindrance to his writing us previously. Seldom left the premises-felt as if he had lived a Monkish life the present term &c- Read a part of the trial of John R.Buzzell for aiding & assisting in burning the Ursuline Convent-Charlestown-Ms-on the night of the 11th of Aug. last- Many curious facts were elicited in the course of the examination of witnesses.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 20. Remainded cloy & calm most of the day-wind sprang up from N.W tow'd evening & by 7 o'clock most of the clays were dispersed-air growing cold. In the morning merc. rested at 27°- In fair sun at noon rose to 43°-but in the shade stood at 40°-in the eveg down to 34°.

The great appletree standing a few rods S.E of the dwelling, remarkable for bearing large fair fruit very suitable for drying, generally in abundance-branches extending to a great distance round-foliage during summer always appearing remarkably fresh and handsome-trunk very large-taken all together supposed to contain according to the best computation 1 1/2 cords of wood. Mrs Waters & youngest child &

1834 Bennington Dec 21st 1834 our daughter Adeline came on a visit. The last tarried pver night. Hopkins waited upon his aunt home. Looked overpapers to see what I could note. It was a notification of a Geographical work containing 100 maps to be published by subscription. Commenced fodder-ing out stack of weeds standing in the Nthorchard. See Aug.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 21 Clear & cold-wind fresh N.W. Me Merc. 9°-20°-6°- Geo. & Adeline went to meeting to latter did not return-tarried at M.Waters'-Hopkins seemed much pleased with a copy of Webster's Pocket Dictionary-which he procured at Sanford & Brown's yesterday on book-price 3/6. I spent the day chiefly at writing-save an hour or 2 taken up reading Blair on Eloquence besidesattending to usual concerns at the barn.

Cousin N.L.Robinson paid us his respects-and $ 1.87 1/2" for bhls rye borrow'd in Sept last all satisfactory.(2 1/2bhls)

MONDAY, DEC'R 22. Cloudy- most of the time thick-a storm of some kind was consequently looked for- Wind pretty steady from S.-Merc 22°-30°-26°- Threshing oats was resumed. Father-P.M. visited town- Saw cousin Nathen in his grocery-went round to & fro among the neighbors there. Cous. E. Waters Jun from Troy on Saturday-gave us a short call-in good health, Reported all well at home-his sister Kendrick had lately given birth to her 2d child a daughter. Should go to Stockbridge on Wednesday- Friend J.C.Presho with his friend P.B. Billings also made call- School broken up-himself in fine health & spirits- felt fully satisfied that I should retain & own the first V. of the P. Mag-Nov 16. The first few pages of Revolutions in Europe formed my chief reading this eveg. Mrs Wrisley was chief washer here- No pounding barrels in the bargain. Dan'l Allen came at night to see if he could hire the use of a cow 1 year. The business was postponed to a future day.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 23. Cldy-besides being foggy until about noon- fog did not run so very low as it sometimes does- adhered to the mountains-blown off early P.M. growing cold- Snow much solicited & strongly repected by many- Ther'm 28°-24°-22°- 16°- Threshing oats again. I was sent off to mill where had 2 sacks corn in the ear converted to cob meal. While waiting visited the store of J.Nor-

tom & Co. Conversed a few moments with S.B. McEowan who had just been listening to the complaint of a gentleman with whom I was unacquainted against some person for not giving him more credit for lumber which he had carried to him at sundry times-thinking himself wronged to the amount of at least $40. After hearing him out-Mr.McE.asked him why he did not have it straightened at the time ? He replied-he supposed the other was honest enough to do what was right. Sydney then turned to me & observed that in my affairs there were no troubles of that kind on account of keeping a journal. I responded that as careful as I ever had been-had been none too much so- had written a great deal that was of no sort of use to any one & omitted much that might have been useful. Paid respects to Jacob Lyon Esqr. who had the politeness to invite me into his office where he seemed to keep no fire-tho' there stood idle a large old vander pattern of by gone days. I convinced him at once of his mistake in regard to the Star Shoots of Nov 13 1833 by producing the N.Y.Spect of the 14th & 18th of said month. Turn back to Nov 17th. He entertained me by reading in a book entitled- "Wonders of Nature & Providence",some curious accounts of falling stones in various parts of the world & the history of the land Crab in the W. Indies- of the Lobster &c- Returned hastily to the mill-both millers pres't rec'd grist & came away- Got remainder of suit at Davis' which he had cut ready for me- Called at capt. M.S.Norton capt. Hicks present- Telling some story respecting the Congniac Club-composed of such characters as Ser's Swift, Nath'l Brush, Jona. Hunt, M.J.Lyman-Nathan Robinson & others- Requested mare's shoes to be sharpened-would do it tomorrow morning. Saw at the County Clerk's Office J.F.Robinson who said he would call about noon on the morrow to see a cow we proposed selling him- Next saw & talked a few moments with S.W.Daniels who had cut his foot with an axe- would like to hire money-wanted no cow-would soon favor us with a visit- Enjoyed a mom't with our good friend W.Haswell-passed a joke about electioneering against him noxt Spring- Halted at P. Office-no letter- Called at F.Blackmer's-had something to do with music-talked politicks- Dan Hulon of Shaftsbury came in enquiring for Sam H.Bl.-entered into politicks a little-was a Federalist until Chittenden refused calling out the Vt. Militia to fight the Brit'sh at Plattsburgh- then he left the party & had been a Democrat ever since- Jackson man & all. Borrowed music & came home with Hopkins & Wrisley boys- Wrote a friendly letter by young Elisha Waters to our uncle Eph'm Taylor of Barrington,Ms-giving a favorable acct of the health of the family news from Ohio by J.Harwood's letter & enclosed him $1 on Bennington Bank . Waters to go by stage on Wed. morning-to visit his aged grandfather-receiver of said letter. In the evening attended to History & a little to music-The back of Hist. was Rev'd of Europe. First Period-5T Century.

WED. DEC. 24. Cldy-chilly S.wind-great signs of snow-merc. 18°- 28°-most of the day. Threshing oats was wound up-making in all after this last parcel was winnowed 92 bhls very far fair quality. Previous to winnow'g the oats-father had the mare shod & waggon repaired by M.S. Norton-Visited at 4 different houses during the time occupied by the blacksmith. Daniel & Isaac Allen would have bo't the Solomons cow for $12 had their paper been good- but for want of cr. & money -could not buy- John F.Robinson came to see the big Breese cow for which we asked $18-he would offer no more than $15 payable in rye at 75cs-would stand ready to do that at any time- Did not tell him I would not comply therewith-felt as if it was best to try farther- would be worth all that provided she gave no milk. Mrs S.Harwood visited the family of H.Waters- Young Lydia Sophia W. tarried the night with us-went home in the course of the day H.W. & hands busy at logging. Papers & History were again examined in the evening- Rec'd 1 bbl flour pr Hawks. Flour paid for in full in advance. See Dec 15

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THURSDAY,DEC'R 25. Fair,with the exception of a few straggling clouds-Sharp piercing air-wind moderately stiff from N.W. Ther'm. 16°- in the mg.10°- sunset, 2° at ~~noon~~ 10 . Visited the log heap at H.Waters erected in the opening W. of our grove- parted with him & Godbee to go across lots to Loomis'-there found Sam's wife spinning wool only for stocking yarn-main part of the wool was sold at 48cs.at which rate the yielf amounted to $1.50 pr head- Paid the lady for what I purchased of her on the 13th Oct last-12 1/2cs. She informed me of her husband having bo't 2 good cows of Mr. Fillmore,or some would write, E.Fillmore,Esq'r. Saw Mr. L. at his barn employed in carrying oats to his corn house. Conversed some with him on common everyday subjects-and was off quickly to neighbor Fay's- old gentleman very smart-enquired earnestly concerning the dairying business to which I made the usual replies. Mrs Fay said they wanted milk-perhaps her husband would consent to keep one of our cows for the sake of the milk.he was not at home-gone to get his oxen shod in E.Village at Chas Norton's- would propose it to him and have the business attended to so if it should suit. My legs soon bore me to that village where settlement was made with our blacksmith Henry Norton whose charges amt'd to $9.17-mone to $ 3.62,leaving due the former $5.55-which was paid on the spot & entered in his book.Made like entry on the paper which contained the articles copied from my book-intending to fix that book on a future day- His lady was present. Came down street to the office of W.S.Southworth-made a short visit-saw a Daily Intelligence from H. Hall M.C. with a line on the margin-thus " Why don't you write to Mr.Hall" his own name having been entered at the office of the printer. J.S.Robinson Esqr

called & held some consultation on professional concerns. Another gentleman came for advice about sale of estate in some way not understood by me. Came away pretty soon-walked in the company of James Story and another man much younger who said he had, the present season, threshed out a quantity of the best rye for Ira Hawks that he ever saw. Story related an anecdote of his getting tipsey in Georgia, State of Vermont-accomp'd by a brother chip & another not of the fratermity- the two followers of Bacchus had been to mill on foot with grists of 3 pecks a piece- Overtaken by a sleigh from the E. side of the G.Mountain, by permission ride a short distance. Entered store of Sanf'd & Brown, heard several lively annecdotes from Major Aaron R- in his best style. Visited Dr. N. Swift in his lower kitchen-got his Missionary Herald and read to his lady & myself a curious account of the characters who once constituted the Cogniac Club in this place- but no names were inserted so that the feelings of no one- Almost every member was noticed, & with some exceptions very happily hit off. Marched to the P. Office- no letter- Saw Albert Robinson who made enquiry respecting our friend Wight- answered by giving him a brief acc't of his last letter to me- See Dec'r 19- From Post Office started for H.Waters'- meeting Dr. N.Swift with his little grandson in his arms- ought to just mention that while I was hearing his grand pa read- he was as busy as a bee in a tar barrel hoisting himself in and out of a deep wood-box standing at the W side of the room- Hired girl present also. At H.W's spent a moment with my sister & daughter. The last gave a little relation of what occurred between her teacher & herself in which allusion was made to me by him under the appellation of "The Old Gentleman" which caused us to laugh heartily. In the evening perused "Revolutions in Europe"-Some of Treasury Report- Cousin Geo. had been to L.P. & CO'c-got 1 lb tea- Saw N.L. Robinson who advised to fatten Big Breese- Hopkins had made up a written composition which he read on Acad. Stage.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 26. Fair in part- hazy- cldy in the aft. part of the day- wd. N. mostly- Mercury 10° below zero-tow'd noon 2° above evening 10° de- Sleighs out pretty lively- Chopping appletree made up the chief employment of the day. Anthony J. & Wm Haswell came to buy a cow- they had their choice in three & that fell on the Solomons cow which was set at $12. Trial was made for a less price, but as that was honestly the lowest we could set-she was taken at that- friend William giving his obligation to that amount due first of March next- He said he would pay our whole tax bill- get the Collector's rec't which he would exchange for the obligation & cash for the balance- Our taxes being presumed to be considerably over $12. Friend W, was, as usual, very lively & agreeable in conversation. The topic happened to be some diffi

culties existing between certain individuals not proper to name here.

This Solomon cow had belonged to us ever since the last of March 1828 and proved herself the finest we had ever owned. It is presumed that every season from her milk ~~alone~~ we obtained 600 pounds of cheese- exclusive of many lbs of butter. I am not apt at all at description- but will attempt something of the kind by saying- she had fair horns-rather over the medium size - handsome head, clean white face, fine slim neck- large trunk, smart pale red color, clean slim limbs, long slender tail, & in time of full tide of milk- carried a bag & pins that would do honor to the noblest of her kind.

Afternoon made a trip to Hinsdill & Swift's with wife- accomp'd by Lydia to H.Waters- made purchases to some am't- wooden clock warrented at $8- 1 copy Mosheim's Church History-1832- two Vols- close print- price $2.25- 10 lbs bro. sug. $1 and other articles, a bill of which was omitted at this time with instructions that next time of calling the whole should be fairly exhibited in a handbook. They were full of company-sold a good many raisins- of which we took 1 lb at o/9- Appeared to have a new assistant clerk. Came home by new road & C.House hill. Harmon Canfield & ladies just arrived from Arlington-came up in front of us. In the evening rec'd a very friendly visit from S.W.Daniels, his mother, lady & sister Azuba M. He told of working upon Col. G.Blackmer to get a debt of $100 which he was likely to obtain by way of U.M.Robinson Esqr Atty at Law. Examined new book some- H.Waters & hands out again-logging.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 27. Continued much like what it had been for the last 24 hours, only perhaps some warmer- Mercury at 10°-23°-10°- say in the eveg- Three appletrees in the enclosure E. of the cheese house- hogpen fruit inclusive, were felled, cut up & drawn up to the woodpile- anotherappletree was cut down S.E. the ch. house same side the fence.

1834 Bennington December 28 1834 On Saturday H.Waters & hands were further employed in logging- had trouble tugging with a big oak 25 feet long, judged to weigh 3 tons. (Say it was a clear morning)

SUNDAY, DEC'R 28 Calm & cloudy- Mercury 10°-26°-18°- Thin sleighing. My lady, G.P.-son & self rode to meeting together in lumber sleigh- The ausience especially P.M. was pretty numerous & respectable-the preaching very fair from our worthy pastor Mr. Hooker-whose text both A.M. & P.M., were selected from the same Book, ST.Mather-the latter-chap't 13-verse 43- Discourse very fine indeed. music good with instrumental accompaniments. Many appointments were an-

nounced-which would need taking down in short hand to be recollected. Our headqrs were at H.Waters'. Geo & myself rode a part of the way home with S.H.Br's & family in sleigh. The forenoon discourse was founded on the words of a part of the 19th verse of the 11th chap't,of Mathew- & the subject was to be continued during the first part of next Sabbath. Among my acquaintances attending-might mention capt. P.Harwood,capt. M.S.Norton,who had a child baptized by the name of Catherine Hyde,capt. D.Robinson Sen. Col. O.C.Merrill,S.Hathaway Jun, E.D.Hubbell, E.Fay Jun, Nelson Duncan & wife, cousins U.M. Robinson,Emily & Amanda,Dr. N.Swift, A.Robinson Esqr, A.D.Robinson &c.

MONDAY,DEC'R 29. There arose one of our old fashioned E storms- Great roaring of wind in that direction- clds think & swiftly flying to the W-not much snow until evening & then but light-air sharp & chilly. Merc. 22°-26°- several hours and then 22°. Two cow-beeves were butchered & well dressed by G.P.Harwood-assisted by a little by B.Harwood & son-their names were "Red Dimick" & Gallows Pied",the former in her 13th & the latter in her 11th year-the last of our raising-theformer being one of those bo't of Deac. Dimmick March 1833- She was a fine milker and had she been properly timed-I would not on any account have so served her- The other gave less milk,but nevertheless was a fair cow- During all the time of feeding they daily gave together not much less than 12 quarts of milk. May offer something further respecting them on another day. In the eveg. attended to History Civil & Ecclesic'l. Hopkins got some burnt in the hand parching "Pop Corn". Mrs Wrisley executed washing here. Her husband made short call at the barn concerning beef of which he contemplated buying a small quantity. Gen. D Robinson's teams drew wood past here- H.Waters' & hands logging again- The new clock bo't at Hinsdill & Swift's was set up & put in motion this evening- H Waters which had remained with us ever since last Spring was carried away this morg.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 30 Snow fell moderately during great part of the day-ceased at noon sun set-increased say in depth from 4 to 6 inches-quite drivingly from N.W. Merc.22°-24°-20° Accomp'd Geo in distributing beef-Mr Day wanted only a half quarter-to be supplied by & bye- With Potter less 107 lbs hind qr Red cow- with S. Chandler 120 lbs fore qr of the other- With Mrs Hall-124 lbs hind qr-same- With J.S.Robinson 123 lbs Do. at 4 1/2 & with Davis the tailor in E.Village 93 lbs fore qr of the red cow-on acct $3.50 pr cwt-the regular price. Carried hides to N.Squire & took his check on L.Patchin to pay for 119 lbs at 5 cs.

-came to H.Waters'-made short call-took in Adeline & Hopkins & came home. Evening perused some interesting articles in Humphrey's Life of Gen. Putnam & History. George cut up beef-of which 189 lbs were barrelled for home consumption-Hiram Waters & his man Godbee ground axes & shod & prepared for use the block sled.

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 31. Cloudy 3/4 of the day-thawing in a small degree P.M. Evening became cold again-beside a very slight fall of snow. Merc. 4°- 24°- perhaps higher than 20°- The large venerable butternut which stood a short distance N. of the N. orch'd & about as far W. of the lane occupying a rich handsome location in the N. meadow was felled by Father & cous. G.this day- & cut up. I rode in lumber sleigh with the Sam.Brown cutter in tow to S.Chandler's where the latter vehicle was left for repairs- Proceeded through E.V. to J.Harwood's saw & settled with Mr. H.respecting a mistake committed by one in making payment to him on the 31st of March last wherein I paid him $1 more than was due by substracting wrong- thus-

J.Harwood Acct.		$15.51
H.H's	Do.	11.96
		4. 55

By some strange blunder entered it on (this) Jour'l $10.96 (
which made me for that time suppose it was all correct. But a few evenings since happenning to cast my eye on the paper containing the acct. as copied from the day book discovered the mistake,& to be satisfied that it was really so,searched that book thoroughly through from the date of the last settlement previous to that which we then made and found it perfectly correct- ought to have carried sd book to Mr.H. for his inspection,but he did not dispute me & willingly allowed it to me.- and if he had had the money would have handed it over. I told him it was a mistake of mine for which I was sorry & should only require it in his work or that it should be allowed me in our next settlement. Transacted business with James Harwood about boots for father which he engaged to send finished tomorrow to the grist mill- price for making $1.25-for which,after settling with him for small jobs executed since our last settlement-Jan'y 21,1833, there would be substracted 60cs due me tow'd 1 bbl cider del'd May 11 the same year at $1.63- leaving balance in his favor tow'd making boots 65cs which I promised to pay to his ordera at the mill . We had much friendly chit chat he took what he required of the leather & I departed- met John Norton Esqr on ld of hay for Nat Danforth- the latter complained grieveously of Cholic- I went up to the printing O. saw S.Clark busy at his trade- procured Gazette- At L.P. & Co's produced check & rec'd $5.95 in full for hides- Saw Dr. S.Robinson who said he would come here on the

morrow- Next visited Mrs Hall & rec'd payment for 2 qrs beef $ 8.49cs- See Nov 14-- She spoke for another hind qr.beef which I promised her accordingly-to be at as reasonable a rate as any one would sell at- Borrowed a fine copy of the Old Spectator- Came directly home- Hopkins rode with me from S.H.Brown's where he borrowed Parley's Magazine with which he was much delighted. Evening devoted principally to writing- Geo. Adeline & Hopkins heard Lecture from Mr. Hooker to the Members of Bennington Academy- Said to be good.

Harry had oxen & sled to transport the wood of a certain beech tree which we allowed him to cut in the little Meadow.

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THURSDAY,JAN'Y 1st 1835. Clear & handsome we would say 3/4 of the day- with enough of a portention to give notice of an approaching storm & in the evening snow fell right merrily for a while. Not withstanding the fine appearance of the upper regions the rigor of the cold was very considerable- Mercury 2°- in the morning- not over 14°-in the shade at any time- 4°-at sunset & late in the evening rose again to 8°-. The big butternut mentioned on the 31st was drawn up at 4 lds. A few butternut saplings and a certain ash which stood near the N.E. corner of the N. Meadow formed a 5th but small ld woodgot up this day- rather gave assistance after having perused a few pages of Humphrey's Putnam. Found myself in error respecting an entry in Jour'l for 6th of last month the man said it was not so- I had taken it up wrongly-no contract- So of course yielded the point was not at all tenacious. The evening was spent in the Street or at houses situated there. Rode in lumber cutter-wife,children & Geo P. in Co.- Left Adeline at H.Waters'- Chief visit made at cous.N.E. Robinsons- Grocery appeared to command a due share of company among whom would enumerate my old friend E. Montague,M.L.Selden, U.M.R. Capt.D.Rob. Jun'r &c- The former spoke of $5 which he paid me at F.Blackmer's expressing a doubt of my having ever accounted to him for it- I told him if I could not show exactly when & how that money was paid I would forfeit the amount. He & cousin EUel had a good deal to say in regard to the Tannery of Turner Hills which by their having been bail for him had by process of law fallen into their hands within a few days past- It was now up for sale.Cous.N's lady against our wishes had us sit down to a good supper. Came home pretty late in snpw storm. Geo. had spent a part of the eveg at H.W's & perhaps elsewhere. I was in Love's Bar-Room in the early stages of the eveg. Among those pres't as near as cane be recollected were J.V.D.Spieg'l,Col.O.C. Merrill,Judge Stephen Robinson,Col.M.Norton,Capt.A. Hyde,gen'l H.Robinson for few moments only,Mr.Jona. Hunt, U.M.R.,S.Clark &c- The conversation turned

principally on alterations proposed by the Council of Censors at their late meeting at Montpelier. I have not time to state particulars- Deposits were just mentioned as Judge S.R. & myself made our exit.

Respecting Montague's money-See cash book- Nov 28-1831- Day book same date & Jour'l for that & 31 Jan. 1834.

We must offer something as to stock & hay. Number of cows 27-Oxen 2, horses 2. Am unable to state with anything like accuracy the quantity of hay on hand. The E. end of the S. scaffold of the new barn was cleared, the stack of weeds in the orchard was finished on the morning of the 30th., ult. and we were now drawing upon the fine mow extending across the whole W. scaffolding of said barn, taking in all S. of the centre & W. of the 2d big beam over the floor as you advance from the E. See Dec 17. Our oat straw was esteemed excellent & the creatures ate it voraciously-and the wint. wheat was considered so poor as to be not worth threshing and was being, occasionally in these days, thrown to them in the sheaf- Turn to Jour'l of last summer during harvest for some remarks respecting that grain.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2'd. Fair morning-cldy remainder of the day. Merc. 18°-27°-20°-

Father was despatched to mill with 2 sacks corn in the ear-Conveyed Lydia to H. Waters'. Sleighing pretty fair-no cutter-used the old lumber sleigh as a substitute. He made settlement in full with James Harwood by paying 65cs-the latter forwarding his bill receipted, including the making of the boots bespoke on the 10th Dec. engaging to forward them, when finished, to the store of F. Blackmer. While his grist was being ground at the mill, or during the time the miller the set for him to wait for it, he very agreeably visited our friend Montague & lady-Got home about sunset, Lydia in company. Some unimportant improvements in the new barn were made by G. & me and afterwards several appletrees were prostated, trimmed out & chopp'd ready for hauling up to the woodpile. Evening chiefly spent in examining Hist. respecting the 11th Cent'y at the conclusion of which the first Crusade commenced. The last quarter of which too is distinguished as the =eriod in which Pope Greg-Ory V11 & Henry 1V, Emperor of Germany flourished- The former laying the principal foundation of Papal tyranny which followed & continued down to the days of Luther & other great Reformers.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 3d. One of the coldest days ever seen in our country-Clear I think, without so much as a single block of cloud- Snow creaking under foot, sleighs and sleds under motion loud as a waterfall. Little was executed by us except the necessary routine of our daily charge at the barn- I know 2 or 3 appletrees were

felled and slightly operated on by G. & me, but soon we found it for our interest to retreat into the kitchen by the hot stove. P.M. drove to town where Geo. bo't goods on my acc't at L.P.&CO'S. I got new pine pounding barrel of Jac.Pool for which (iron bound) paid in full $1.50. Called on John S.Robinson & rec'd payment for 123 lbs beef at 4 1/2 cs-deliv'd 30th ult. Conversed while on - Reading) Money monopolies &c &c- Came to the store of Sand'f & Brown- staid half an hour or so looking at books, bo't nothing- (J.V.D.)H.V.D.Spiegle and 2 or 3 other young fellows present. G.P. called and I was off-made another call at F.Blackmer's. got N.Y.Spec.of Dec.25,& 29 in which much was said on late change of Ministry in Eng'd & restoration of old Ministry of France after an attempt to go on w with another which lasted but 3 days- Got home while the sun was yet above the top of the W. mountain.

According to my usual practice was going to state above how the thermometer stood, bot forgot it. We will not state that just before sunrise she was 3° under zero-and I believe it did not rise above it more than 4° at the highest all day in the shade- Soon after sundown, believe it fell to 10° below Zero- near 9 o'clock eveg. sane to 18°- and between 11 & 12-fell down to 20° below Zero ! Mr. Patchin stated to G.P. that his instrument indicated 7° below zero, this morning. Father enjoyed real satisfaction in examing the pages of Humphrey's Life of Putnam. Until this evening had always supposed the Pyramids of Egypt were situated to the E. of the Nile-was undeceived by reading a very interesting Letter from an officer of the U.S.Navy to his friend in Washington.giving an account of a visit to Alexandria, Grand Cairo, the Pyramids &c. People of U.S. little known there- The reigning Pasha making great improvements- The Poor of that country-dreadfully miserable. N.Y.Spect Dec. 29.

1835 Bennington, Jan.4 1835 Jan.3 continued. Hiram Waters' had a caravan of teams in his service transporting saw-logs from the place of deposit to the Olin & Colvin mill- among others would mention as engaged as above- Alvah Rice, Saff'd Robinson, James Hicks, Jun, Anthony Hathaway and a son of cous.Henry Harwood Esqr. Hiram himself & his friend Godbee were actively employed-the former wearing no overcoat nor mittens-protesting solemnly that he suffered not with the cold. There was a constant stiff breeze of wd.from N.W. To learn some further respecting those logs-See Dec.25- The people performing the service aforesaid were, mostly if not all, subscribers toward loss by fire of Mar.27 27,1834. In addition to what is stated in respecting hay it should be observed that that which was stored immediately over the E. end of the floor of the new barn along with a considerable quantity

of cornstalks was used up pretty early in the season. See Nov.24 . Let me set down the weight of cows last butchered-Thus

Pied	42	lbs	Tail
	68	"	Hide
	237	"	F Qrs
	247	"	H "
	594	"	
Red	51	lbs	hide
	35	"	tail
	188	"	F Qrs
	217	"	H's "
	491	"	Total

SUNDAY,JAN'Y 4 Coldest morning known in this place for a long course of years Serene & fine all day wind,I believe,chiefly N.W. The faucet to the water cask was so frozen up as to be very difficult starting the water at first & the head of the sink pipe communicating with the old well was totally stopped-Sink contained a good deal of ice-all had to be thawed out by means of pouring boiling water through the spout of a large copper tea kettle-some of the time using a piece of 3/4 inch lead pipe to conduct it more directly into the other,in order to start the ice which after a while gave way-Merc. in the morng.was reduced to 24°-below Zero- Sun an hour high returned to'wd that point 12° & was not,by our instrument known to rise higher,in the shade,during the mildest part of the day,than 3° above Zero- about sunset sunk 4° below it,& within an hour afterwards descended to 8°- This weather tried the new barn pretty thoroughly- the inside of which was lined with frost by reason of the breath of cattle & horses. Manure in the N. stable slightly frozen. I perused papers on late political events & a few pages of history. Geo.P. went to meeting. Four new members were added to the church- 3 of whom were gen'l Henry Robinson & lady & widow Harr't B.Barber,only daughter of Roger Booth Esq,E.Village-Bennington- The 4th person was Miss Lydia Baker. The temperature of the water running from the cask was found to be 40°- At some cold period like the present,last winter, the like experim't was tried & resulted in finding it at 38°.

MONDAY,JAN'Y 5. Three fourths of the say cldy. pretty calm.Merc. 2°-28°-12°- Chopping & sledding up appletree from the Nth orch'd.the main employment. H.Waters' spent a part of his time with us. Had in his services with teams-J.S.Hicks Jun.-A.D.Robinson, & Ros.Day for Dr. H.Swift- They made an end of transporting to the mill of Olin & Colvin,including those carried on Saturday,52 logs for our friend Hiram. Sleighing & sledding very fine. There passed to the S.early P.M. one of the largest droves of horses we ever recollected to have seen. Judged the number at not less than 80- as counted by Geo.P. Some time early in the evening,say between 7 or 8 o'clock we were alarmed at the smell of something of the rag

kind burning- which seemed to be confined to the S.room- Diligent search was made all round-up stairs & down stairs, & finally discovered in the bed clothes-where it seems a spark from the open Franklin had violently been thrown & nearly kindled into a blaze, but was immediately suffocated after penetrating several thicknesses-leaving small blanks for the ladies fill up by needlework. Mrs Wrisley washed, as usual-making trial of the new pounding barrel. History, newspapers & Penny Mag were severally perused during the evening. Geo. read Gov. McDuffie's Inaug'l Speech to the Sovereign Legislature of the very Sou. State of S. Carolina. There were many very weighty truths in it-but too much mix'd with Nullification Doctrines for our approbation.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 6. Severity of weather continued- Sky overcast with clds say half the time-not exactly clear the other half-good deal of a haze- strong, and high wind from N.W. cutting to all obliged to face it. Business much as on the 5th but not so well deiven- a part of the morning being used up in beginning to build a house roof ladder-which we executed on the floor of the new barn-a clever retreat from weather so very keen as that of this day. Father sawed & piled wood under the woodshed after performing his usual task at the barn. Cousin Henry Robinson came in a jumper, late in the day, and got 40 feet basswood board for pan'ls Theromometer stood in the morning before & about sunrise at 2° below & was not known to ascend higher than 2° or 3° above Zero at midday. About 1 & 2 P.M. it was tried at N. side of the old barn-varied from Zero to 2° below-at sunset having been returned to the usual place-sunk to 6°-at between eight & nine-went down to 12° below Zero- Past 12 o'clock mercury fell to 20° below Z.

On the 5th mother entered her 70th year-in as good health as at any time for several months past.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 7. Colder than on the 6th-clear- not a cloud to be seen less motion in the air-very keen step-mother's breath from N.W.- Ther. stood at 22° below Zero at 7 in the morning-returned up only to 14° past 9 & nearly 11 A.M. at noon stood at Zero- Soon afterward tried it at the N. side the barn sunk 2° and by 3 P.M. fell 2° more-sunset gained downward to 8°. 9 o'clock 18°. Sold skim cheese to Henry Warren at 5" enough to come to 2/o cr. Found our cheese in the cupboard had been frost bitten. Seven appletrees were laid-assistance from grandfather as usual. Early in evening rec'd hasty visit from S.W. Daniels & lady-Conversation lively & cheerful as usual- Lent him $10 in money rec'd note of hand therefor & also note against his brother Orren for those which I sent out by him-date as if drawn at this place, Bennington, Nov 22 1834 for $33.33"-See Jour'l Oct 9-

Bennington, Jan'y 8, 1835. Hiram Waters with Geo. Robinson came here & said they had been all over the wood lot belonging to him. Invited me to come & write for him next day. Spent a long evening chiefly in reading many very amusing pieces in the Old Spectator-borrowed in 1 Vol. of Mrs Hall.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 8. Fair, clear-beautiful Wd. N.W. Merc. 22° below Z. at sunrise. 14° below so late as at 10 A.M.- Noon 2° above- Sunset 8° below 1/2 ~~past in-the~~ past eight in the eveg. 13°-and about 12 down to 18°. Our thermometer varied only about 1 or 2 degrees from Patchin's & Blackmer's- It was said that in E. Village on one of these late cold mornings the mercury had descended to 32° below Zero. Heard Jackson guns pretty early in the morning- The celebration was said to have been pretty numerously & respectably attended at Love's. Went on to write accounts for Hiram Waters' Visited stores of Sand'f & B and F. Blackmer- of the last rec'd N.Y. Spect. of Jan'y 1 & 5th in which there was much said respecting the Ministry in Eng'ld. About 11 commenced business and without material interruption continued copying accounts until nearly sunset or say she was or he was half an hour high. Geo. P. brought Lydia up for a visit- Adeline returned early from school. I came home with Hopkins on foot before dark. In the evening, Mrs Harwood, Geo. & Hopkins rode off in the lumber cutter conveyed to N.L. Robinson 37 lbs butter rec'd payment $6.16 paid visit, or a look to the people of B.R. Sears & to those of H. Waters' & came home. The lady of Mr. J. Ballard departed this life on the eveg. of the 6th inst. in the th. of her age. She had the pulmonary consumption. left a family of 4 children. The Buck's from Arlington came to H.W's-believe they had some hand in celebrating.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 9th. Clear-handsome-weather began to soften down a little-Mercury stood early at 14° below Zero. Noon 20° above in fair sunshine- sunk to 12° in the shade- to 10° & 8° at the N. side of the barn and down to 2° at dark. Continued getting appletree wood, assisted by H. Waters in consequence of my writing for him the day previous. He pleased himself & me likewise in telling over some late occurrances among certain individuals whose names may not at present appear here. Cous. N.L. Robinson with his lady & her mother as I supposed on his return from Pownal in a cutter-made a brief call at sunset. Wrote Jour'l a part of the eveg. Read some remarks respecting Lord Brough'm in the papers-

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 10, Remained fair with a very slight exception. Mercury 8° below °. By noon it arose to 20° above in the shade.

Sunset 10°- 1/4 past 12 at night reduced to 2° Appletree woodpile still on the increase. Finding our cheese had been touched with frost- 19 cheeses were casked & stored safely in the new barn. One of the 3 casks being much too large- 3 bushels of oats were put up with the cheese. In the evening Mrs H. & daughter, Geo.P. & Hopkins rode up to H.Waters'- Returned with the information that capt. James Hicks on Friday was excommunicated from the Congregational Church for

Perused Church History for a part of the evening-also examined Geography respecting Syria, Egypt, Gr'd Cairo, The Nile &c. In 3 different authors, the length of said river was omitted.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 11. Fine as was ever seen. never could it be more fair- Sleigh'y good- Mercury 2° above ˘. In the course of the day it came up to & stood in shade at 34° At sunset stood at 18˘. Everybody rejoiced to find the weather growing mild. I joined my people in going to Church.- leaving only father & mother at home. Came to H.Waters' at noon-ate some apples which had been frozen-thawed in hot water- Morning & noon perused Buck's Theological Dictionary- Articles- Gnostics & Materialists. The funeral sermon of Mrs Ballard was pronounced in the A.M. from Proverbs 31 part of verse 28- going to show what constituted the character of a Christian Mother. P.M. MR.Hooker preached from Luke 23d-48T verse. Mainly proving that men are often decieved in themselves,-taking it for granted that they are Christians from mere feeling-from momentary excitement only. At Hiram W's saw Benj. R.Sears, J. Godbee & G.Robinson. The first said he was yet busy getting timber in Shirkshire. would come to see me on Wed.next in the evening. As usual we were well accomodated at H.W's before service in the morning. Our good friend Judge L.Norton came to meeting in his cutter-told me that during the late cold weather the thermometer stood at 32° below ˘ in Albany & other places abroad. Service appeared to be as numerously attended as we could naturally expect in such fine weather.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 12. Another fine mild day-barely exhibiting some few light clds and a thin haze causing a halo round the sun late in the day. Merc. at 12˘ in the mg. up to 30° by 10 o'clock, past noon 34°, being the highest point reached during the day. 22˘ at sunset. The appletree business was continued by father & G.P.-the former became this day 73 years of age- in good health & high spirits for a person of his years- sight some impaired, hearing very much so, hair extremely thin & grey, shoulders something round, but withal his step was firm & he could perform as much labor in a day as any man in these parts of the same age. I was off in lumber sleigh making

inquiry respecting the price of shop stoves & Ind. corn- made calls at Sand'f & B's,N.L.Robinson's- L.Patchin & CO's, Grover's furnace & J.Norton's- Could buy a 28 inch-plate shop stove for $10-was told corn could be purchased for 60 cents,or at any rate that Doolittle would pay no more for it. N.L.R. was cleaning his old Trenor stove-paid 15cs cash balamce due on bassw'd boards- and rode with me to Algiers. Lyman Robinson offered to sell 50 bhls old rye at 65" and for cider brandy would credit on book 3/o Yk. J.Norton talked some of selling me 50 bhls Ind C in the ear at 62 1/2cs- Some few words passed on politicks. Mr.Kellogg read to him a dunning letter from Lawyer Dewey of Williamstown which my friend was puzzled to account for-the demand was for $3. concluded it was a mistake. that the paper was intended for Judge Luman- on my 2d visit to Patchin's saw D.Rob Jun, Eunice Jewett & John Searls- Patchin discoursed with her some respecting buying & selling lands-the former owning 78 acres of the S. part of the old Lawrence place adjoining 16 acres owned by the latter which also originally belonged to the same farm. After some words exchanged with P. on the relative value of some acres that I have in my mind's eye-leaned for home- Called at the Post Office-no letter-Had Hopkins & a gang of other

1835 Bennington,Jan'y 13,1835 youths,not differing much from his size,attached to my sleigh on the way to this side Dr. N.Swift's old place- where they all,except my son,parted from us & returned to their homes- Hiram R.Haswell, Fred Robinson, Frank'y Blackmer & young Elijah Norton were of the party. Found Hiram Waters here consulting with G.P.H.on going to Hebron,N.Y. In the course of the evening read 10 or 12 pages Church History- conclusion of 2d Century. Geo. & Hopkins butchered chickens. Mrs Wrisley & Mrs H dressed them-the former rec'd chickens for pay.

A word concerning hay- The mow described on the first inst. near the bottom of the page-as extending across the W. end of the new barn,being broached on the 25th ult. the S half lasted until the morning of the 10th inst. On the evening of that day the E. mow in the old barn was commenced on. beginning with the S. half- a part of the wheat yet on hand.

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 13. Fine,soft & pleasant- some clds afloat-sun entirely obscured the latter part of the day- shone out just before going down-so as to give that beautiful pale crimson hue to the E. mountain which I have so often in the course of my life-with pleasure observed. I am no poet,no scholar,no nothing,but as it is ,am generally,when in tolerable health a clumsy observer of some of the more striking features of nature. Merc. before sunrise stood at 20° at sunrise 19°-nine o'clock 30°-about 1 P.M. 50°-

After the sun was shut up by clouds 45°- sunset 37°- Seven o'clock 33°- 1/2 past 9-34°-
Geo.P. arose about 1/4 past 2 in the morning-Mrs H. likewise got up-helped him to a breakfast & otherwise assisted in fixing him off for riding with H.Waters to Hebron. Let him have $2 which he said the latter wanted to borrow.

Sent Hopkins to J. Norton's Distillery to procure a cask which I was going to receive brandy-returned without any-Sibley said it was at the store- I rode to L.P.'s & Co's where arranged business respecting brandy- waited awhile for a cask-Saw J.F.Billing who said he was satisfied to call all square in regard to the late transactions in cider-the last he rec'd he thought was the best-divested it entirely of must- See conclusion of Dec.9. Hiram Scott also happened in-likewise J. Loomis Jun.the latter complained of ill treatment from capt. H. in coaxing away a colored hired man on whom he had placed some dependance- Scott laughed and said since the capt. was dismissed from the Church the World's people had fully resolved not to recieve him again. Mr. Vail came in & bought a clock & key. Drove to E.Village- overtook a small boy who rode with me,11 years of age,very smart & intelligible- said he was the son of Luther Park-was employed by some individuals of that village to make daily trips to the central Post Office-at $20. pr year- depositing his mails at J.Norton's store- I saw J.N. & ascertained that there was due me 38 1/2 G's cider brandy- let him have my brandy obligation-leaving it understood that 30 G's should be put up in L.Robinson's cask- 1 quart I now rec'd-taking a check for the other quart on a future day- my friend begged to be excused from waiting on me at present-wanted to go away-had not time- would attend to it on Monday next. Several loads of hay had been weighed- the street pretty full of people-walking,standing,or riding- many sleighs passing to & fro-and some standinf fast-Saw capt. Abell, E.Montague, Sharp, Abel Wills, Patchin &c. Returned up street to L.Patchin's store- had it fairly understood that as J.N.should measure the brandy to me,so he would, I mean Lyman R.receive the same of me,provided there were no mistake in reducing it. Mr. R. informed me that our cousin Perez Harwood Jun. had for sale 100 bbls excellent corn which he would dispose of at 62 1/2 cs pr bbls If I wished to purchase could become obligated to pay the former on the first of April next. The amount being endorsed on note against s'd Perez,held by our friend Robinson. About concluded on buying- told R. to tell our cousin to come & see us on the subject-promised he would. Visited printing office- no paper this week-John C.Haswell sick- Informed cousin Edwin Robinson that some time in March next would pay $2. toward the dreadful loss sustained by his father-in-law Grover of Pine Woods,Pownal-in having his house burnt up,

including a fine stock of provisions & other descriptions of property ,nearly everything they had,to the amount of about $500- This event I believe occurred on the morning of Dec.28,1834- Came from the Hill to Chandler's put the mare forward the S.H.Brown cutter-fastened the other to it,came home & joined father,in getting up appletree wood-leaving no more chopped in the orchard. Hopkins being ill in the morning staid away from the school the whole day-Waited upon his mother to H.Waters' on an errand- heard of a large party of young people of both sexes being entertained at Alonzo Hinsdill's- Started off in regular order as they left town for Hoosick-most of whom belonged there. Wid. Kent & daughter paid an agreeable forenoon & P.M. visit to our ladies. Wrote so much this evening that there was no time for reading-I am am too fast- did read early in the evening in N.Y. Spect,of the 8th inst-nemerous statements of weather during the first week of the present month - from which it appeared that throughout the county from the Dist. of Columbia to the principal towns in Maine-the severity of the cold was almost unprecedented- Thirty two degrees below zero in Albany on the morn'g of the 4th-13°-below ° at the Federal City- much the same at Baltimore-Almost as cold at Boston-as at Troy & Albany- Not so secere at Philad. nor at N.Y.- Rivers & bays froze over solid &c-

WEDNESDAY,JAN'Y 14. Temperature remarkably low- Cld'y-wind S. great part of the day rainy-especially P.M. & Eveg. Fears were entertained of losing our sleighing entire- snow going off fast. Thomas Kent & Henry Warren began chopping appletree at the door,but soon left on account of rain. Hopkins,continuing to complain as on the 13th,was out of school again. Rode to Chandler's driving the oxen thither to have them shod-done. I followed on foot-met Mr.Parker of Pownal who offered to sell me Ind.corn,deliv'd,at 60cs pr bushel in the ear-Did not close in with him but left it in such a way that if I should call on him any day of the pres't week it would be a bargain at that. Halted at Chandler's assisted triflingly about the oxen-Talked about buying corn in the ear,the C's argued strongly against it- a man would never get the worth of his money- So I about resolved to buy it shelled. Moved onward to H. Waters'. Saw all doing well there including our dear daughter. Hopkins & self dined with them- Told Diadamia to bring in her bill next Spring. Continued my walk to the N. Called under Hinsdill's horseshed-saw a man with furs,powder & all manner of what not to sell. Another from the State of Maine had his cutter loaded with a new article for sale-Called India Rubber oil cloth table spreads- said people were afraid to buy because they were unacquainted with the stuff.

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The pedlar tried to get me to purchase one 4 feet square which he offered at $1.50-replied that if money were plenty with me,might perhaps trade-wanted to have me make him an offer-I declined-so that was got along with. Before quitting this man-would mention that he spoke very highly of the article-the durability especially of it-could get rid of them quickly among people knowing their value-said the cloth was cotton printed with a composition consisting in part of Ind. rubber-manufactured in Maine-Told me he came from Hollowell. While here saw Mr. Sanford and somebody else with him ride under the shed in his cutter. S.Wadsworth & Anthony Breese were there-soon after wards the father of the latter drove up-said he would sell me next March 2 good cows-a younger brother of Anthony also halted-it seemed they had all been drawing wood into the Street-went into H's to get something to take. My next stand was taken at Ratchin's & Co's. Was pleased to hear L.Rob & Ira Hawks speak feelingly & humanely on the treatment of domestic animals-more especially of horses & cattle-that many were wofully and cruelly abused-that it ought to be a matter of conscience with us- our beast should in every respect be so managed as to cause as little pain, hunger & distress as possible-Condemned in unqualified terms the furious driving of Docter Jonathan Chandler,who nevertheless said that very habit of his was worth annually to him $500. J.Loomis came in on business-mentioned to him the scarce year of fruit 1794-which led to an inquiry respecting his age which he put at 38 some time last summer or fall-but said he was not fully established as to the year of his birth-would procure a record from his father-shew it me & have the same inserted in my Jour'l. Safford Robinson also spent some leeting moments in conversation with me- suffered much on the 3'd inst-froze some portion of his feet & the side of his face. Jefferson Albro came in for something perhaps in the tavern way-visited cous. Nathan & made for home- Saw capt. D.Robinson Jun. withwhom walked to the P.Office-as we were going along he informed me of Elisha Downs' having a suit with his wife-which caused him David to express his abhorrence of the conduct of the gentleman lately excommunicated the Church-a foul transaction indeed. Downs' cause was being tried at the office of U.M.Robinson. Made a very short tarry at the post office. Advanced an opinion which I have long held-that it was difference in organization which caused different capacities in men. Before I forget it say bo't 1 lb tea at L.P.& Co's charg)d 58 cs.Another stop was made at H.Waters'..Henry Sanford came up as far as there to meet his little brother & sister to convey them home. Say further that a bed cord was bo't of F.Blackmer at 2/o on book-for Mrs Wrisley-to whose account in my book it must be charged. At the tinshop made another halt

& by inquiry learned that they could make me a tin sink for between 3 & 4 dolls. Got home about dark-spent a long sociable eveg.conversing with father & G.P.,the latter having safely arrived from the expedition to Hebron. came last from John Brown's in Jackson. Reading Church History & doing off a number of lines of writing wound up the business of the day. Mercury in the mong. 43 1/2° after which it was stationary mostly at 40°-eveg.38° Wind S. until past noon-then changed to N-producing,however,little alteration of temperature.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 15. Thick fog until past 9 A.M. sun came out very warm-W'd S. P.M. unusually warm for the season and for an hour or 2 pleasant-clouded over before night wind sprang up veryr fresh from the S- snow going most rapidly-Sleighing spoiled 35°-48°-40°- Affairs being properly (~~disposed-of~~) adjusted about the barn-felt disposed to ride with my father to Pownal in the S.H.Brown cutter. First visited H.Waters'finding sleighing very bad & growing worse-father gave up going-so proceeded alone. Made some stop at Jonas Billings'-talked some respecting price of corn,the fine weather,how cold it had been &c- Getting as far as Esquire Bates' some further exchange of words ensued-scarcely making any halt. In due time arrived at the Inn of Parker's-The younger brother,said when his partner saw me it could be not known to him that he sold 2 lds of corn which was done in his absence-so that it was no bargain as they could spare no more. Staid awhile having questions & answers between 2 or 3 persons on immortality,resurrection,Universal salvation &c &c. I had something to offer by way of inquiry-which amounted to very little- Mr Wager came down in a wood shed jumper & was joined by one of those gentlemen in going S. down the big hill. Had not visited this house according to the best of my recollection since Nov 1831 when A.Potter & O.W.Daniels had a law suit about swopping horses-the former got beaten-or in other words lost the cause-See Jour'l for that month from 16th to 25th- Boltw'd Wright-Justice Peace & Landlord-Tavern near the meeting house. On returning had a short conversation with W. Bates in which I made known to him my anxiety to find a good girl suitable to employ in my family- He knew of none-but would endeavor to enquire one out for me. Read,in the eveg. a part of the Bk.Report to the Senate. Gov. Tichenor rode past me just as I got home from Pownal-mounted with his fowling piece on his shoulder-had examined our cows which he said looked as well as his-that he thought was saying a good deal. H.Waters' & hands were employed in getting timber-paid $2 lent.

FRIDAY,JAN'Y 16.

Rainy a good while in the morn-

ing-ceased-wind changed to N.-Stormed again a mixture of snow & rain-but to no great (extent) amount held up-contin'd cldy-prospect of cold-wind N. or N.W. There were said to have been some whaling gusts wind during the fall of the snow & rain.Merc. 36°-38°- or 40°- down to 34°- in the eveg.

Sawing wood & boiling beeves feet-made up most of this day's employment-a quantity of tallow was tried up on the 15th. My destiny was to convey to the grist mill,E.Village 247 lbs Ind.corn including bags,in the ear. and 4 bhls oats or 131 lbs,bag inclusive,all ground into coarse provender for cows as a substitute for hay- Hamlen chief miller. Not much company at the mill. It was the miller's opinion corn could be purchased cheaper one month hence than at present-Could buy now at 60cs. Mr.H. said he was a native of Cummington,Ms. The late John Stearns of Monkton,Vt,married his aunt. This evening made short & satisfactory settlement with Benj. H.Sears-whose acc't amounted to $36.17"- Ours to $17.67-Balanced by paying money $18.50. After settle'mt conversed with us very sociably- engaged to us 3000 feet sound-~~hemlock~~-hemlock boards-chiefly calculated for covering the W. side of the old house roof- 14 feet long.

Must not omit having it recorded that a short visit this P.M. was made at H.Waters'-Alvin Bates there- Damia returned from Friday meeting- Adeline & Hopkins returned from school-the former shewed me a French spelling book which Miss Knapp said she ought to possess if so,told her to get a copy.-H. Waters' unwell- had rec'd $80.00 tow'd debt of Mr. Donald McDonald or Dan'l McD,Hebron,N.Y.- Lydia came home with us . Mr. Haml't lent some papers of Universalist stamp to me--Most of this eveg.writing. Henry Norton fix'd a nondescrip hoe for scraping stable floors-price 37 1/2 on book.

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SATURDAY,JAN'Y 17. Chilly,cldy,raw-W'd N.W.-Mud frozen dry-Merc. 32°-all day Eveg. 30°- The woodpile suffered under the chopping,riving & blasting of T.S.Kent & Henry Warren, the latter performing the office of blaster Father, Geo,& self,a part of the time,when not otherwise engaged,were sawing & piling wood. First started this morning on the scheme of feeding the kine with provender-at 2 quarts pr head for 26 exclusive of fat cow. Calculated to save daily if possible 100 lbs hay. It will be seen that on Friday we put up about 7 bhls ears of corn-weighing in 2 sacks 247 lbs sacks inclusive. 4 bhls,oats measured fairly as for sale- weighing 131 lbs includ'g sack,which added to weight of corn-made total-378 lbs- This morning the meal just as it was rec'd at the mill,oats having been mixed to order-weighed 335 lbs-leaving a remainder for toll and waste of 43 lbs.Understand miller's rule is to take 1/12 th.

At night weighed out 270 lbs hay-out of which Geo. fed them for the night as near as he could guess 250 lbs-500 being the quantity allotted for daily consumption. Our sister,Mrs Waters,children & Miss A.M.Harwood came down on a visit.All returned in the evening with the exception of the last. Rec'd a friendly & social call from our esteemed friend John C.Presho,who on being warmly solicited-tarried the night. Wrote accounts in the evening and continued the examination of Church History. Lute took my cash acc't from the first inst.up to this evening into review and discovered a failure of about $2.50-- not much troubled respecting it,conceived that there was some mistake-some blunder undiscovered. Credits amounted to $49.30 1/4. Money on hand first inst. $44.95 3/4. Cash rec'd since $11.84 Total $56.79 3/4- leaving balance in my favpr of $7.49 3/4- but could actually find on hand $4.92 1/4 (no more than)

SUNDAY,JAN'Y 18 Continued much the same as on the 17t.more clear-say-pretty fair. Mercury in the morning at 27°- 35 minutes past 2 P M. at 30°- All the usual routine of barn concerns-cooking & devouring the morning meal-Going to meeting by Geo. & Adeline. Reading & writing on my own part-reading "Life of Putnam "on that of friend Presho-were severally going on in due order previous to 2 o'clock P.M. By turning over the ,leaves of my pocker hand book-the usual place of deposit for bills found a snug one of $3 on the Whitehall Bk,which had escaped my eye last evening-leaving me 42 1/2cs too good- a part of which I believe can be accounted for by mentioning that on paying up the note of $18.81cs & balance on wages first of Dec. to G.P.Harwood supposed the specie then on hand & kept in the till of the little Parson's desk,was all,excepting a clipt o/9 worth 6/4 which had been a pocket piece since 1833 withdrawn-but not many days since drew thence 25cs which had been overlooked and therefore ought to have been included in the sum mustered on the first inst. Still there would remain 17 1/2 cs unaccounted for-which we will say came in for butter or cheese sold by Mrs H. Mr Hooker detained his audience to a late hour as appeared by the long-waited for return of G.P.- J.C.Presho tarried with us until after dark & then departed for A.J.Haswell's.

MONDAY (DEC)JAN'Y 19. Between cldy & fair-say more of the latter than the former. Mercury in the morning stood at 12° past 11 at 30° past sunset at 24°- The main business working up wood continued. Geo. collected a goodly quantity of oil from the 24 feet which he boiled on Friday. Cousin N.L.Robinson breakfasted here this morning with us. Some complaint was entered- against our cooking stove-about which he stands ever blameless. Talk was had of purchasing O.Green's patent-Danby,Vt-very fully described to us by our friend Presho- Cousin N. remonstrated-not believing

we could better ourselves.

We this morning made further trial respecting the standard of corn in the ear-First shelled a half bushel-weighed it-ascertained that it came to 26 lbs 6 oz-then carefully collected the cobs-weighed the same with the corn-bringing it up to 34 1/2-(1/4)-from which it appeared that of our corn in the ear it would require for 1 bushel 68 1/2 lbs.

Another grist, composed of ears of corn amounting to 270 lbs & 4 bhls oats-weigh'g127 lbs put up in the same sacks made use of on Friday-weighing all together,397 lbs, was conveyed by me to the grist mill of Stebbens Walbridge-mixed & ground into fine provender by their miller-while waiting-went to Mr. Benton's and inspected the Danby stove-Adeline Ayers present-Benton & lady gone on journey to Dalton,Ms- Did not have so good an opportunity to judge of its merits as if I had seen & conversed with Mrs B-made up my mind that it was a verybconvenient article-having(an excellent oven-4 appertures for boilers-taking in-say,about 27 inches wood &c.) Stebbins D. shewed me good looking corn which he would weigh & sell me in the ear at 62 1/2cs-deliv'd at his corn house- Took time to consider-Saw Smith Edgerton who said he should have a cow to sell next spring- good for milk-and ugly in regard to opening gates & the like mischief. S.W. Daniels as I was on the way down-shewed another of fine appearance which would be for sale in the Spring- Said he would endeavor to gain information whether she were of the stamp suited to my business said also that he should pay me all money due from him,I think,the pres't week. Also saw & conversed with Dr. Samuel R. just before seeing the former. Said he was afflicted with sore heels and a large bile on a part of the frame not at all convenient. Daniels I saw at the Nichols place. Saw Mr. Haynes at the mill-Old Uncle Ruttenbur cutting up wood at the little school house. Lydia rode to Hiram Waters calculating to tarry awhile- H.W's hands having commenced the Woodford timber campaign- Hopkins rode home with me from waters'. Commenced learning to write under the writing master,Lewis this morning-seemed to like it very well. Mrs Wrisley washed-related some news respecting the late Wid. House, now Mrs Duncan & her husband our cousin Nelson D. who at this time appeared to be in trouble on account of debts- attachments being laid &c &c-

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 20. Cldy-chilly-calm- W'd W.Merc 26°-very steady at 32°- G.P. was left in command at home -beside chopping apple tree-made a helve to my nondescript calculated for scraping stable floors- Accompanied by my father-drove to E.Village-Left gaging rod with S.B.McEowen requesting to have the cider brandy ready at call-or have it put up & forwarded to L.P.&Co's-as agreed

upon Jan'y 13-tho' not expressly mentioned in Jour'l to that effect, but I am pretty sure he promised to send it there himself. John was gone to Woodf'd- Called at T. Davis'-had a pair of pantaloons cut-Saw Henry Duncan of whom made some inquiry respecting his brother Nelson-seemed to think his management had been unwise. Made off for the N.pt town by way of new road- met E.Montague-talked with him a moment respecting the price of corn which at present supposed to be 62 1/2cs, but

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supposed it could be purchased lower some little time hence. Just after getting into the main road saw & spoke with capt. P.Harwood-self & family in usual health- Proceeded to Perez Harwood Jun's-alighted-Waited awhile for our cousin to come up from his woodlot-and after his arrival made a short visit with promises of another accompanied by ladies- Negotiated a bargain for 50 bhls corn in the ear at 62 1/2cs per bhl-to be weighed as it would average by the mode mentioned on the 19" that is to find out what 1 bhl shelled would weigh and then add the cobs. Something was said in regard to cows & sheep. Cousin P. seemed to think it might be well for me to try what I could do in buying at the N.-say in Rupert- should have business there ere long & make enquiry & inform me of the result. I told him I should esteem it a favor if he would. Returned to C.H.Hill by the main road-procured Bennington Gazette-halted at F.Blackmers'-assisted him in trying the balances which cousin Sam Robinson Jun bo't for me last Fall-but his affairs not being exactly situated to admit of afair experiment upon them-farther proceedings were postponed to a more convenient time. Bo't white chamber & lid for 2/6-ball cott.wicking-1/o booked. Before we left there came in capt. D.Dewey-or perhaps he was already on the carpet, Jac.Brooks, gov. Tichenor, Aaron Robinson & Isaac Ripley. Gov.T. took thel lead in conversation and severally brought up-the dismissal of Joseph Nourse-the quarrel between the Benton's & genl Jackson & his friends in Nashville, Sept 1813 where the gen'l came near losing his life & his seconds came as near taking those of col.B & his brother. B's character was given by the gov. in full- Bk.Report by Gov.Tyler and that of Mr. Clay on French Relations-both thought to be pretty fine. Seeing W.Wadsworth a few moments-proposed changing cows with him- said he would soon call- Came away accom'pd by father & Hopkins. In the evening examined papers respecting Bk Rep't, - French Relations, besides continuing the perusal of Church History-but what was more than all-Read the regular & volunteer toasts given at the late Jackson Festival on the 8th inst-Taken altogether never saw any more flat-but they'll no doubt suit well at Washingt on-

Late in the eveg. copied an a/c of $9.19" against T.Davis-E.Village.

WED. JAN'Y 21. Cldy-Stormy from S.or S.E.-
snow-hail-rain-mostly P.M. & eve.
Merc. 19° in the morning-but kept pretty steadily at 38°-Rained powerfully in the eveg. Carting manure on to ground situated in the S.W.quarter of the S. meadow-whereon oats were grown last season-made up the main employment- Ros Bay told us he bo't plaster last Spring for $6 pr ton at the Steam Mill,Troy- When at the same time I was paying $8 for the same and half that of poor qualtity. Farmers are said to be buying at present for $5.1/2- Geo.Robinson procured seasoned appletree timber for the use of his employer. Wrisley borrowed harness to drag,by horse power,walnut timber to E.Village- Examined further the Church History-& Mr.Clay's excellent report on French Relations.

THURSDAY,JAN. 22d. Roaring wind from W & N.W.-
Ground covered with ice-indeed in the morning it was very icy-consequently slippery-Cldy-Merc.33°-32°-34°- Business at home the same. Rode to capt. Hicks' to borrow his steelyards-not at home-lent last fall to his son Charles. Some conversation on dairying & farming followed. Returned into the Street & bo't of L.P.& Co 2 cast steel shovels at $1.62 1/2 a piece on account,with leave to return one or both if we should think proper-provided the sale should not be injured in trying them. Passed usual compliments with D.Robinson Jun. & Isaac Rice. At Sanf'd & Brown's borrowed balances for weighing corn. Learned price of cochineal to be 25" an ounce. By request halted at Mr. Sanford's to wait upon his lady to S.H.Brown's-& while waiting for her to get ready-discourse with Mr S.on the subject of buying the W.division of S.H. B's Fay farm- Told me he would enquire of Mr. B. whether he wished to dispose of it & upon what terms. Brought Mrs S. to S.H.B's,had her youngest child with her-s. Spoke of her father's living with his 2d wife in N.Haven City,Ct. & of the wonderful improvement of the place within 20 years.

Near sunset Wm. Wadsworth came to see the cow which I had purposed giving in exchange for his-but the prospect of a bargain was rendered very dubious when he stated his idea of the difference in price between them- mounting up to no less than 8 or 9 dollars. His cow being 7 years old,diminutive size-to come in the last of Apl or beginning of May-Ours 10 yrs old-good size-in fine order-giving daily near ly 5 qts mild-to come in say early in July-would probably hold out pretty well for milk until the first of April & perhaps some later-so that she would about pay her way. Her name was Little Dun which she took when young and much smaller than at this day- had her of Orrin W.Daniels in 1829- since which proved to be of the first class. Told W. if I should think of trading would call on him within a week.

Mrs B. & her friend B Street came over in the evening-the latter on some business-Informed us of the said disaster which befell some people in crossing the Dug Way on the main road to W.Town-Ms-- 1 lady & child drowned in Hoosick River.

Finished reading Mr. Clay's Reports on Relations with France- candid,clear,very free from all party heat-no fault to be reasonably found with it.

FRIDAY,JAN'Y 23. Cldy. Wind tremendously strong in the W. Merc. 38°-33°-30°-
Roads unusually smooth-firmly frozen & in some places very icy.

Carting manure was continued-likewise the woodpile under the woodshed was increased by the industrious application of father. Henry Warren was in employm't here this day. I was fool enough to tramp on foot across lots to Fillmore's & to W. Wadsworths'. At the former place,which I had never visited before saw a young man putting up cornsdd at 62 1/2 cs- told me Clark Potter had sold for 60-prepared to remove to Utica or in that vicinity the first sleighing that might offer- There was a pair of oxen which they were feeding for beef-one of which had long & very wide horns. Ira F. shewed me his fine red cutter-built by Mr. Babbett-whole cost- 29 dollars. He walked with me over to the old Andrew wood place where resided W.Wadsworth & family with the widow.- During the walk he let fall some curious hints respecting some of our late neighbors who are now removed to considerable distance- shall specify nothing further.

Friend W. appeared to be shaving ox bows-told him my business-so he went & brought up his cow-in his absence held some conversation with his lady who said it was six years since they were married-now had 4 children. Wid. Wood came into W's room. Mr. W. hvaing returned-went to view the property. She was lighter than I expected to find her. good fair red-pretty large horns in proportion to her size- no beauty to boast of-but well enough,--

1835-Bennington Jan'y 24,1835 as to that . He said he did not suppose a stranger to the 2 cows would say there was much difference in price-but in his judgment there was a good deal. His family were in want of milk-however,the least he would trade for was $8-. Valued his cow at this time at $25. I told him he could not get that for her if he were to ride all over the county- & that I considered there was but a small sum of difference between them-that our judgments,or words of that import,varied too widely that we could not trade. I felt no spirit of speculation respecting it-felt on the contrary one of accomodation. offered him $4 on the same side of the question & left him. Crossed lots to Deac. Dimick's-conversed sometime with his

lady and afterwards with the old gentleman who treated me with very pleas't cider- Viewed his new sheep barn-which appeared to be pretty good- S.W.Daniels came there on horseback on some errand or other-told me he had left with my lady $20 to apply on 2 notes which were in my possession against him-the woman could not find them- I engaged to make all square with him the first time we should meet- See Oct 9-Jan 7- Came to town straight before the wind which blew a gale- only calling by the way to view, a gentleman's cow which he had spoken to me to buy for $30 should he conclude on selling. Hardly felt like buying at any rate & certainly not at that. At Sanf'd & Brown's called to get coloring materials- Sent home for the Recipe-that is Sanford sent to his lady for it. While waiting heard some anecdotes from Major Aaron Robinson. Mr. Kellogg was also present. talked with me on credit &c-perhaps- I might have let fall some imprudent words on the subject-At length the coloring substance which cost at the rate of 40cs pr lb of cloth to be colored--the same being 7 1/2 lbs was put up with 1 lb blasting powder price 25-all on book. Mr. S. informed me he had seen Mr. B & made him acquainted with the subject mentioned on the 22d inst-that the latter would see me soon. Called on Doct. N.S. who was splitting wood under his woodshed-said confidentially that himself & son had closed up their concern with S.Hinsdill in full-have encouragement that I could have money enough to purchase land not 100 miles distant-which if to be had would be a noble accomodation. Henry Sanford walked with Hopk's & me to his father's where I called & got some additional information relative to the new dye. Hopk's had procured at F. Blackmer's two late N.Y.Spect's in which much was read in the eveg. Found notes against S.W.Dan's. & decided that I must pay him back 34cs.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 25. Pretty fair-but uncomfortable in bleak places the wind at times blowing heavily from W. or N.W.- Merc.22°-30°-19°-nearly 20°-eveg. Completed carting 35 lds manure on to the ground described on the 21st.See Aug. last. Henry Warren again in our employment-for whom father cut up a load of butternut wood above the red gate- furnished oxen & cart to transport the same to his house. Father also forwarded his sawing & riving up & piling appletree wood under woodshed. Rec'd a load of 1372 lbs corn in the ear-for Perez Harwood Jun. which according to his computation would weigh 69 1/4 lbs to the bushel-cobs inclusive- tow'd which paid $5 in money-could bring up the remainder on Wednesday next- said some time conversing with us & looking at the new barn. Mrs Harwood & her friend Mrs Wrisley executed their job of dying- & made out finely-dye being so strong as to much more than the 7 1/2 lbs cloth. Subsequent to the aforesaid employment-paid their respects to Mrs Kent made a short on her daughter.

Late in the day I returned balances to the store of Sanf'd & Brown- Rode to the office of U.M.Robinsom with whom made a short & satisfactory settlement of accounts-being an am't of $2.13" which included the making of his cider last fall while I was absent in Troy & N.Y.City- His credits lacked $1 of balancing it-so he now met it very promptly by cheerfully handing over the same. Related particulars of the melancholy event which occurred on the morning of 22d inst. I am not prepared to make an entry of them at this time. Halted at the P.Office & rec'd Document No.40 sent by the Pres't of the U.S. to H. of Rep. Containing the correspondence of the Gov't of the U.S.A. with that of France conserning the Treaty of Indemnity dated July 4,1831-from Hon.Hiland Hall M.C. Attended to papers of N.Y. & Church History during the eveing.

Must mention bringing home my daughter as I came from town & Hopkins going back with her to give opportunity for attending a Bible class this evening. She told me that Hiram W's Arlington money had arrived & was deposited with Mr. H.Canfield.

SUNDAY,JAN'Y 25 Very chilly sharp wind prevailed all day from S-clds thick & black early in the day-commenced storming nearly at noon-first with hail-perhaps some snow-but at last settled down to rain with some intervals of calm- renewed again in the eveg. Mercury stood most of the day at 30°- Rough-very uncomfortable to be out.

Cous. G. Mrs H. & son went in wagg.to Church-Mr Hooker let out sooner than usual. According to the best calculation I can make-have written about 152 lines this day in this book which allowing 16 words to the line would make a total of 1432- to commence counting lines at the entry of Jan'y 20 ending with the 2 preceding this paragraph,or sentence as you please.

MONDAY,JAN'Y 26 Warm & pleas't early in the day. even continued so until past noon-considerably clouded over P.M. dark,muddy evening-Thawy- mud growing deep.Mercury-46°-48°-35° Snow principally off in Bennington & vicinity-Warm for the season-No variation of business at home. They started me off with 20 bhls corn & 12 of oats on board of the old big waggon-drawn by spike team-for Walbridge mill- Saw S.W.Daniels and gave him his notes & 34 cents in change-balancing all acc't between us. Capt. James Nicholls told me he should be 76 years of age early in Feb'y next-Complained of many bodily infirm's-S.W.Dan's appeared to be busy working up wood at that gent's door- Next spoke with W.Haswell,just as he was stepping up to the door of Anthony Hathaway-said he had settled with the Collector & obtained his rec't for the whole of our taxes the present year. I rejoiced that

when I should call for sd. rec't would endeavor to pay over the balance in his favor after giving up my cow obligation of $12- See Dec.26. Arrived at the mill about noon-Maj.Haynes,Ira Armstrong & others being present. Unloaded & had business doing as soon as possible. Mr. A. said should have a fine cow to sell the pres't season for thirty dollars- or at any rate-understood him to say he should ask that for her. Spent some little time in Bates' turnery- Visited Uncle Steb.in his saw mill-trying to negotiate a bargain to pay money in lieu of toll for grinding at less than market value of the grain but no contract was made- Miller took 1/12 all round.

135 Bennington,Jan'y 27,1835 In the Paper Mill saw & conversed with Chas.Walbridge,who among other particulars informed me that some time during the ensuing summer he should be 44 yrs of age. Saw our good friend J.C.Presho who introduced me to Mr.John Benton & his brother if I mistake not. Enjoyed much lively conversation-went into his house & again examined the Danby stove-saw his lady who explained everything relative to it.-liked it much & I could not see why she should not. Early in the evening by invitation supped with them- John C. likewise. Afterards very generously assisted me in heading up two large cheese tierces filled with provender & in getting ready my team for coming home. Half past 7 before the miller could have everything in readiness for my departure. Friend Presho came with me to A.J.Haswell's-his boarding place. He was very good at the time the miller loaded up-giving ready & prompt assistance at handling bags. During the P.M. commenced a letter to J.A.Wight. Saw James Harwood as he was riding past- Told me of many persons having cows to dispose of. While lounging round the woodpile of Stebbens W' Sen. Saw Page Haynes who was splitting up logs of maple as hired man there-told me they had lately erected a buz saw for sawing wood by water. Stebbens D. also saw me & talked philosophically to me- man in his estimation being the creature of education & circumstances. Got home very late in the eveg.- Rec'd assistance from Hopkins who rose from his bed,in putting out team &c.-

TUESDAY,JAN'Y 27. Contin'dthawing-very ugly bad travelling-Mostly a fair day- Merc. 35,-40°-35°- Mangers at the barn were put in order for saving meal as fed to the creatures- Wood business flourished. Henry Warren drilled rock- made one very successful blast,to receive pay in cheese of which he rec'd this mg 4lbs 2d quality. Late P.M. rode with my lady up street- She making her tarry at H.Waters' while I went to F.Blackmer's- Sanf'd & B's & Dr.N.Swift's-At the latter place rec' an assurance of having money- at the 2d-Aaron Robinson being present,let it be understood that if I should make an arrangement with Mr. Brown' for his

land, should endeavor to pay down. Dr. F. Johnson came there to get medicine calculating to commence practice in Shaftsbury- Sold his farm of some less than 100 acres for $2000-At the first saw a good many goers & comers & among the rest the son of J. Starin who was trying to hear of some one that would wish to buy first rate hay- Deac. Dim'k came up from E. Village, halted & told the young fellow that he had found market for it in that village. Young S. waited upon his sister who attended to some business in the store and then they were away. W. Wadsworth partly offered to sell his cow for $20- provided he could buy another he had in view- Mr. Gool told me at Dr. Swift's that he had sold the cow which his father purchased last Jan'y of Perez Harwood Jun.-for $30 in addition to which should receive $7 more rent for the use of her from the buyer who had kept her the season past- At F. Blackmer's saw S. Scott Sen., P. Dewey, Isaac Allen & old Tom Crawford- the 2 last were in dispute about chopping down trees- Great bullies at it. Mr. Blackmer was so good as to try the accuracy of our patent beam or balances furnished by S. Robinson Jr. and ascertained that they were made over weight 2lbs in 100-so of course unfit for use- S. Scott Sen pres't. Came to H. Waters' supped with the ladies-including wife, son & daughter.-run back to F. Blackmer's and borrowed $5 to be in readiness to pay for corn- There had been a young man, I should think from the S.W. part of the town, in the store while Sam'l H. Blackmer was sitting there-and as the latter made some observations respecting the cruelty & unfeeling disposition of Andrew Jackson- he discovered himself to be a Jackson man. He was a stranger to me. Complained of a heavy toothache-& just as I left Dr. N. Swift's came in to have his tooth drawn. This was subsequent to the conversation at Frank's. Mr. Canfield & family were on the point of removing to Arlington-Most of the household stuff had been forwarded. Got home after dark and spent nearly the whole evening in writing Jour'l.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 28. Cldy-rainy in the morning- Some little afterw'ds. Merc 35°-40°-37°- Cutting & sawing wood, & blasting rock by H. Warren-continued- Hopk's absent from school P.M. Norton & Godfrey's cows being discovered in the big cow pasture, were by me driven out on the side adjoining the Riley place-with notice to Godfrey's cousin that those animals must be kept out if possible- Mr. G. not at home-gone to Williamstown- not calculating to occupy the Judge's farm the ensuing season. Evening devoted mostly to reading- first papers-next Church Hist & lastly the Real Old Eng. Spectator-No's 181, 182, a part of 183 & 184 & perhaps some more. In C.H. Vol. 1 p. 85-Sect. 6 is a curious account of the custom of the Bishops & others of the clergy of those days pursued in regard to women.

THURSDAY, JANY 29 Opened cldy. but the main part wass as fair as could well be. Thermometer stood at 28°-36°-30°- Frozen dry in the morning-but before 10 A.M. turned up very muddy. Business of 28th continued- H. Warren finished for the present the blasting of the old salt Rock. More powder being called for-rode up street, called at H. Waters' found Hopkins looking at the Vol. of National Portraits-plates of which were most exquisitely & superbly executed. Assisted by Hopkins a way was opened through H.W's timber for carriages to come up to the door. Hopkins paid Mr. B.D. Lewis' bill for instruction in penmanship of $1.50- & took his receipt which served as a specimen of his skill in the art. Pretty fair but not superior to what is often done by clerks in Mercantile houses & other situations of like kind. Hopk's received only 10 lessons-his term was 12. Left orders at S & B's for 2 lbs blasting powder- 1/4 do finer kind-1 lb Salaeratus & 1 oz gum camphor. Hopksaccomp'd me up the hill. Left an old pail to be coopered by Mr. Pool. Visited the house of J.T. Robinson-enquired of the lady where he might be found. At store, post office, or tavern. Came across him at Bailey's conversing with Capt. Hyde about a payment made in 1814 by the latter in Albany to a Mr. James of say $600- being in full for the old Dr. Lyman stand. lately known by the name of the Pickett Place. While waiting for Mr. R. to file said whip saw visited N.L. Robinson-who appeared to be doing business tolerably fair in his line- Exchang'd with him $5 small bills Bennington. for a single $5 on Broome Co. Bk. Safety Fund, N.Y. The man from whom he rec'd it belonged in Livingston Co, Genesee County. Stepping into the Street to visit the printing office- Isaac T. Robinson came into Love's-State Arms-saying I could have my saw by paying o/9 to the bar keeper-J. Albro-Done-saw well filed. At the printing office got the Gazette Saw Col Merrill, J.C. Haswell-Returned to N.L. Robinson talked over the plaster contract of lastwinter-nothing wrong on his part-nor pernaps on any one- A boy undertook, for another, to put off a tin Yk o/6- Cous. N. discov'd the trick before it took-some remarks were made thereon- Borrowed two old Congressional Journals, rec'd treat of glass cider and came away. Halted at Sanf'd & B's for powder &c-which were rec'd on a/c . Made a short call at H. Waters

1835 Bennington, Jany 30 1835 H. Waters'-Looked at National Portraits-very interesting-borrowed of Mrs Hall. Adeline & Hopkins came home with me-the former borrowed Token of 1831 of C. Dewey. Concluded the day fixing for going to Hoosick, N.Y. In the evening finished off my letter to J.A. Wight. Gave him some advice in regard to Dr. Bissett-mainly to shew that he was not implicitly to be followed in his History of our Revolutionary struggle-other authors should be consulted. Executed other writing- Read some pretty fine pieces in old Spect. for Sept. 1711.

FRIDAY JANY. 30. Very tedious day indeed-commenced by fall of hail & rain-the last forming ice on everything exposed thereto-ground very rough & slippery-from 8 to 10 vacation-from 10 to 12 rained powerfully- another vacation for awhile P.M.-then again rained profusely-- Continued raining more or less until sometime in the eveg. Very dark- Merc. 30°-40°- The Hoosick was all up- Geo. attended to tailoring concerns on his own acc't- Sam'l H.Brown had his hay barn,built last season,cut of the ruins of the old hay house- removed to a few rods S. from the spot on which it was erected- neighbor's teams generously turned out to do it- ours among the rest- Geo. nor self not pres't- father went over a few moments. Mr B.also had his hay meadow & land connected therewith,accurately surveyed by Joseph N.Hinsdill- a handsome plan rendered,accompanied by correct calculations-the result of which was that it contained 32 acres, 60 rods & 2 links land. Mr. H. considered his survey a very accurate one, tho' done in haste & in the midst of a heavy shower of rain- Was assisted by Sam'l H. & his man Elihu Wright. The bill was made out in the keeping room,where I found Mr. Sanford stretched upon a settee not,at first salutation, knowing him. Mr.H. having finished his professional talk-much desultory conversation ensued- and amongst others- subjects was mentioned his new map of the Town of Bennington- a description of which he gave with an account of his method of executing it &c-would probably be ready for sale by the first of April-price about $2- I bespoke a copy- In regard to a bargain for the aforesaid land-nothing in great earnestness was advanced by either party- I grew tired in approaching the vortex of an $800. debt into which,in addition to $300 or $400 more already contemplated in the Spring outfit, I must necessarily be thrown,should I purchase upon the terms offered-that is- at $25 per acre exclusive of barn. Sanford & Hinsdill said,jocosely,that they wanted to see some trading going on-and would propose, what they deemed to be fair for both parties, that the whole without reserve should go for $900- Seeing the friend B. appeared to be averse to parting with his land on terms squaring with my views,& feeling that if I should make an offer a good deal under what he seemed honestly to think it worth,it might injure hisfeelings-came away without making any bid. I said if I possessed the means to make payment on completion of contract-should boldly advance to the mark & take the land,provided the price were not too high- but now I must run in debt for every dollar it would cost me. There was no difficulty in obtaining a credit-might act my pleasure as to that - I,however,said if I should buy-it would be as low as ready money would pay for it-having assurance that the same could be obtained by the first of April at the usual rate of int.- Returned home late P.M.,very contented in regard to

running into debt for land-especially that of low quality & where for some years to come there could be no profits-such as the Fay land is & must be.- Hard barg' enough at $20. The cows were all bowed up-to do which Grandpa had recd.the assistance of Adeline M. G. returned from his jaunt among tailors & tailoresses before dark-entered into contract for makg suit or a part thereof with Miss B.Street whom I believe he saw at Dr. H.Swift's-,cutting by T. Davis. Wrote off acc's in the eveg-making one with H.Warren since the 7t May last up to the present date of $8.68-his credit $7.88-leaving balance in our favor of 88cs-Another with Mrs Risley chiefly for washing-commencing early in Oct 1834-& ending Jan 26 for $6.86- She had rec'd $6.54-due her 32cs This morning forwarded pr stage my letter to J.A. Wight,in which added something more in regard to Dr. Bisset-authorities quoted not very good-ought to compare him with Gordon & others- Insisted on his writing & paying us a visit as usual in the Spring previous to the commencement of Summer Term-to make a home of our house whenever he should visit Vermont- Wrote honestly & friendly-with an acknowledgement of great ignorance in the literary way.

SATURDAY,JANY 31- Violent N.W.wind this morning-some rain & snow in the bargain. Flying clds-muddy road- moderate temperature-Therm' 36°-42°-34°-Main course of the wind N.W.- Working up appletreewood continued. Hopks absent from School- made an unsuccessful trip to H.Waters' in wagg. to wait upon aunt Lydia home-but she could not leave because Mrs Hiram Waters was absent at B.R.Sears'. Lent to Thomas S.Kent this morning a good sized horn full of blasting powder, and sold on credit 9 lbs cheese 2d quality-at 6cs to him. Read aloud this eveg. the whole of John Q.Adams' Oration on the (Death) Life & Character of Gen.La Fayette- Deliv'd at Washington in the Hall of the H. of Rep- before both Houses of Congress-Dec.31 1834.& a most excellent one it is too. Adeline absent from school 2 days.

SUNDAY, FEBY.1st. Cold-mud frozen up-wind & flying clds-swift from N.W.
Merc. 18°- 25°-
Father & Geo. march'd to meeting on foot- Hopks started off in the waggon with his mother & Adeline but the whiffle tree giving way before they had proceeded half way- he turned about & came home leaving his passengers to foot it the remainder of the way-Disposed of mare & waggon & pushed off to church again.
Estimated the quantity of hay in the new barn to be full 8 tons-sufficient to feed the present stock-without resorting to othermeans,up to the first of March & of the E, mow in the old barn there remained enough of the S. half to last 2 or 3 days-leaving

us the N. half entire-which beats last year at this time by so much- as will appear from my Jour'l for 3d Feb'34---See 2d & 13T Jan'y past- Newspapers supplied me with reading principal part of the day.-made some progress in writ'g.

MONDAY,FEB 2. Keen morning-mercury down to 10°-not higher than 24°- in fair sun-held steadily at 14°- in shade- 12°-in the evening- Cloudy morning-fair afterwds,with flying clds-

Spliting & piling appletree wood under woodshed made up the day's employment. Visited the street-made calls at H.Waters',Ogden's shop,Gov. Tichenor's,Dr.N.Swift's,F.Blackmer's-Post Office, L.Patchin & Co's and at S.Chandler's shop. Paid Ogden 18cs in full for fixing in spoke to 1 h. wagg.wheel- saw G.Robinson & owen Rood at O's shop. Made enquiry respecting hired girl at the gov's. they knew of none- Miss Ab.Godfrey reported aunt D.Squires to be getting some better-had lately had a shock of palsy,on the left side if I rightly understood-senses some affected. At Dr's S. Miss Scott who lived in their family going on 3 years said she would write her parents in Wilmington to know if there were any girl who would engage in our service the ensuing season. At Frank's Col. & S.H.Blackmer were present-by the former much was offered on liberality toward building houses of Public Worship for various denominations-solicited aid from me in erecting a Universalist house at No. Bennington.

1835 Bennington,Feby 3'd 1835 I gave no encouragement-making a non-committal reply- Offered cott.batts at 10cs at L B & Co's- Had iron whipple-tree mended by Chandler. T.S.Kent had oxen & cart to get 1 ld wood from N.Duncan's. Henry Warren cleared out rubbish S. of the waggon shed-carted it off at 2 loads- Wood he rec'd gratis-team charged. Mrs Risley performed her usual task at washing-receiving on A/C 1 3/14 lbs butter. During evening examined parts of Church History,Morse's E.Gazette & Guthrie's on Geography of Sei- Sicily-concerning Aetna-10,000 ft high-Tol'd containing 9400 sqr miles- & also in the Penny Magazine read two good articles on Mt. Vesuvius-3000 ft high-from 4 to 6 miles E. of the City of Naples.

TUESDAY,FEBY 3. Fair-very cold-wd.N.W. Merc 3°- 14°- 10°-

Business at home continued much the same. Late in the morning was off on foot for Hoosick Falls- Overtaken by a youth of 18-born at Renssaelearville,N.Y.-from whence his parents removed when he was very young-to what place do not recollect-his mother a widow residing in Bennington-bearing the name of her husband-Macintosh-mother of Mrs Holmes

whose husband has been employed a few years past in the Red. Cott Factory- The young man complained of cold-halted at the old Kinion tavern to warm- Thence accomp'd by Mr. Randall James-only son of the late R.J. across lots to his residence-Told us he had purchased theKynion farm for 8000 dollars- to have a long pay day- Continued crossing pastures,meadows & fields until we came in sight of the Village-being in a N.W. direction-then bore away for it & got there between 2 & 3 P.M. Mcintosh went to Finch's & I to Mrs R.Parsons- But as to the youth-a word or twp more- said he belonged to a woollen Factory within 5 miles of Saratoga Springs-if I rightly recollect-doing well- calculating to learn all branches of the business. From a little annecdote he related of himself I inferred his moral creed was of loose texture. As keeper of a grog shop which he visited with a friend where they purchased some beer & crackers-made a mistake against himself in handing back the change & my young friend knowing the fact neglected making it right-excusing himself by saying the man was drunk & that it was better for him to retain than to return it to the other to make bad use of it-or if not so-probably if the scale had turned the other way-he should have lost it. I told him he might look abroad in the world & see that the fair man was the one who flourished-that the one who practiced the opposite course,would,sooner or later, fail-that it was my fixed determination in all cases like that above mentioned to do justice-whatever might be the character of the person to whom it was due- Saw a short fat woman who talked of having endured much from a disordered skin- Dined- talked much- learned that all friends were well- T.C.P. had set up business in his brother's H's old office,where there was a saddler. Aunt Ruth said if she were at liberty to leave her family & had money to defray necessary expenses-would go to the West to hunt up her sister,Smedley- Didn't think she was living-and if she were-supposed her life must be miserable on acct of the misconduct of her hus'd. Andrew Blass had gone to the West- Andrew Parsons doint well in Connecticut. Visited shearing machine shop of Parsons & Wilder- Found the gen'l in good health-hadbeen to Washington City- Remark'd that they appeared more peaceable there since the Panic was over- I rejoined that in Politicks as in Religion-call a thing good- & it would pass for such. Found cousin Henry in usual employment nor-perhaps it may be more to the purpose to say he was endeavoring to be so- but soon had to abandon it because the anchor-ice had accumulated at such a rate as totally to prevent the motion of the waterwheel. Came over the bridge with me. We called at the house of the brother of Mary Butler-from her a letter had been rec'd,2 weeks since,announcing that she would return hither & work for us if I would pay her travelling expences. Told her brother to write that

I would do it. Found all well at cousin Henry's & at S.Burtis'-supper within the latter-Allen boarder- Blendenah very wide awake-Got hurt by falling against Windsor chairs- Friend Parsons came up in the evening-very sociable- Music was enjoyed in the evening between cous.Henry, young school master of red whiskered memory & myself-the first on cornet ~~flout~~ flute-two last on Ger, flutes- Evening some advanced when cous.Mariah reached home from her mother's- Henry walked down to Demings tinshop with me to see a cookg stove-Shop closed-Returned- heard H & Mariah in Psalmody-the former on flute- they went over several pieces lately selected by Mr. Clark of Bennington for his school in Hoosick- Said C. on a late cold eveg. by prohibition of fire had caused great suddering among the ladies present some of whom, including my cousin took bad colds.. Cousin Henry had attached keys to his own & the school master's flutes necessary to perform flats & sharps- Lined the former with tin- Retired past 10-accomodated very comfortably by our cousin Mariah to lodging- See end of Nov 29-

WED. FEBY 4. Severe cold held on-clds cleared away-wd.N.W. Merc at Hoosick 4° below Zero- At Bennington 8° below in the morning- 4° above at noon. Eveg. at Zero-arriving earlier than cous H. & lady-took first meal at Burtis'- Sage cheese yet on hand at both tables. Henry waited upon me to Deming's tinshop-inspected said stove which was nothing more than their new antixotery. Parted with our cousin-Called at aunt Ruth's saw cous. Ellen from whom a visit was promised should sleighing offer- Called once more at Butler's to see Mary's letter- but could not, her husband having it with him who was off threshing for some farmer a mile or 2(off)out. Made visit to H.Parsons-family & self in usual health-had but lately returned from an extensive tour at the W. & S.W. particularly through the N. counties of Pennsylvania in which the country was amazeingly rough. Discoursed some on use of plaster and treatment of swampy & worn out lands-encouraged me to go on & purchase the F. Mead. Mr.P. appeared to be engaged in setling accts with a young man whom I took to be a wall builder & had rendered service of that kind to P. Booked at 2 very pretty pocket maps of N.Y. & Pennsylvania- Was afterwards sent for to go into the old office to see Deming- whom I found there- some expecting(friends) news from his Bennington friends, but in that he was disapp'd- I conveyed none- The saddler & our brother Chatfield was present & what was much more besides was the presence of one of principal =hysicians of the place who on making enquiry in regard to cases of Small Pox in E.Benng't delivered quite a sensible Lecture on Small Pox, Kine Pox, Meazles &c- at 12 was summoned to the table where beside their ordinary family were seated Mr. Baker, Mr.Wallbuilder from

Vermont- 10 miles W. of Brattleboro-,& Mr. School-Master Clement- The first it appeared had lately purchased a farm in the W. part of the S. of N.Y.- the ridge road was described-Weavle in wheat mentioned and many subjects stated to numerous to be remembered or set down here. Young Chatfield & his wife were of the party- the former served round the dishes- The kind of pudding or whatever else it may be termed, usually called Birdsnest-composed a part of our meal.

I must go back & say Benj. W. Cardell was at Henry's last evening-in good cheer- & Chatfield, Sen. was also up there pretty early in the morning.

Came away immediately after dinner-took leave of aunt Ruth-soon turned into the lots-taking a course farther to the S.than that by which went over- Saw about 30 cows near a barn in open lot-no yards.busy eating straw. Came past 2 large slate quarries-Crossed the hill which overlooks the little

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neighborhood this side & about the old Mapleton meeting house. Entered the Troy road near Russell's barn-lower-kept it as far as the Kinion place- Crossed the flat near E. of the house near the eastern extermity of which is a wide ditch conveying off the waters of the big brook which comes therw from the W. part of Bennington-which would have been difficult to get over had it not been frozen over in certain parts sufficiently strong to bear me up. Ascended the hill through old summer pastures and gained the residence of Ira Armstrong whom I found seated by a warm stove-accomp'd by his lady perhaps by some more of his family & his neighbor Snyder who was reading a book called Wonders of Creation-took by request a glass of cider- went out & looked at his cattle-very good color,well shaped,and he said his cows were of good quality which I could not dispute- appeared very open & candid in his descriptions-Stabled very few- had his yard surrounded by sheds & racks-but what was worse than all-was short of hay- Estimatedthe cow of best quality which he proposed to sell to be worth $30. Seemed to hold to getting all he could for an article whether it was worth it or not. Made another short halt at Wid. Caty's to make enquiries respecting cows-they thought possibly they should like to sell one or 2, but I inferred from what was said they were old. Reub. A. came up the road as far as Deac. D's- Soon afterwards fell into company with an Irish man who landed first in America at Halifax,Nova Scotia- 16 or 17 years since- gave a good description,as I may presume,of the country & climate. Cold-foggy-very snowy in winter-Springs short- country new-woody-firewood costs a poor man nothing,but the trouble of cutting it. Constant employment afforded the laborer by those who wished to clear their lands. The man said he had a family was at present engaged in the Harmon or Henry ore-bed-at $17-(rather would) pr month & board himself-ultimately meant to emigrate

to the far West- At F.Blackmer's borrowed or took as matter of right-N.Y.Spect.Jany 29- Saw H.Waters' made a bit og a halt at his house-got home after dark- found Ira B.Dewey who extended his visit to sometime in the evening- had assisted G.P. in taking in a load of corn rec'd of P.Harwood,Jun.which weighed 1554 lbs in the ear- See Jan 25. In which some particulars of the dealing between Mr. Pierce & N.Duncan in which the former stood a fair chance to be the loser without much gain to the latter.

THURSDAY,FEBY 5. Many flying clds- Some few showers of vanity-like snow- Cleared up fair in the evening. Merc. 6° below Zero in the morning- 20°- above at noon-15° at sunset. Father continued faithful at the woodpile. Two lds appletree & 2 of butternut & basswood from the woods were drawn up-baregr'd or no baregr'd. Commenced foddering off the N. pt E. haymow,old barn last eveg. My wife & Mrs Wrisley paid an afternoon visit to Mrs Elijah Fay Jun. Old gent said he was as hearty as a woodchuck. Weighed,shelled,measured & weighed corn apparate from cobs & afterwards united with the same. the result showing that 69 1/4 lbs inclusive of cob would not produce 1 bushel shelld 74 lbs,2 oz made more than measure-which was the quantity shelled this evening.

Rec'd a letter from 4 of the neighbors of C. Harwood,eldest of the brethren of my hon'd father ,residing at W.Rutland-Vt-stating in substance that he wass sick,unable to labor,deserted by his son,kept from being a town charge by the liberal charity of his neighbors- praying in very respectful terms assistance from his brother. Stated in Post Script that he had left off entirely the habit of drinking ardent spirits. Said letter was dated 29 Jany.1835..

Rec'd another from our friend J.A.Wight,dated Lanesboro,Jany 31,1835.-conceived in language the most furious & stormy I ever saw him use. He seemed to be at war with himself and all the world beside & for causes not easily discovered in his account of himself. The amount of it seems to be that he had for sometime past labored much in establishing a Lyceum at that place-had prepared & delivered addresses to the members of the institution,which probably he & most likely a majority of his friends thought were well enough.- But perhaps some one or more individuals might think & say otherwise which put our good friend all out of conceit of himself & everything around him- Nothing but his religious principles had kept him from-----Declared he'd emigrate- Cared for nothing nor nobody- he'd emigrate.

Wrote a letter to Mary Butler mainly to say I would pay her expenses in coming to this place next Spring provided she would be resolved to work with us through the season.Should pay same amount of wages as she rec'd last season to the end cheese-making or words purporting the same-would like to

have her tarry the winter if it would suit all round. Mentioned that there were girls enough at present to be engaged-but should give her the preference-she must write immediately that she would come or if otherwise I must be looking elsewhere. Asked a statement of what her bill would be getting to Troy ? The rest I could calculate myself- Requested a letter from her on starting or a little previous to it so as to know when she would reach Troy-so as to procure a chance for her to come there by private conveyance if possible.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 6 S. chilly wind-fine flying vanity snow of no acc't in sleighing Mercury 15°-26°-24°- All engaged at working up wood wood Sion Martindale by his son sent an order for property left here by his brother Justin in March or April 1826. In obedience thereto sent on a light colored loose coat, some injured by being eaten by mice, mended I believe however; a pretty good wool'n vest, & what in its day was a fine cott. shirt. School books were called for, but none found. He left a copy of Adams' Arithmetic with us which S W Daniels afterwards made use of & carried away with him. As Justin was indebted to us to am't of 2 or 3 dollars at the time of his departure-felt as if I could not be called to acct for absent articles if less than the am't of debt. Had rec'd some use of the 2 first articles & that was all the compensation-save the book just named, that has ever been realized by us.

In the evening we weighed up exactly 69 1/4 lbs corn in the ear- shelled & measured the same & found it fell short of making a bushel by about 3 1/2 pints-The whole being put in a large 2 bhl basket & set away carefully in the cheese house for the inspection of our cousin P. Harwood, Jun. In the evening the Vol. of N. Portraits was under examination mother made a little mistake in regard to one of the plates which troubled her greatly-but it amounted to little or nothing. Some good pieces were read in the Old Eng. Spectator on shortness of time. succession of ideas-Some curious Eastern stories to illustrate the theory of making time seem long merely by succession of ideas-were nicely introduced by the writer. Hopkins copied verses from a book borrowed of Reut. Kent-

SATURDAY, FEBY 7. Rough, stormy until past 10 o'clock A.M. much & strong N W wind prevailed throughout the day- The light snow which had lately fallen was carried hither & thither. Merc. 18°- in the mrg. 12°- at sunset-6°-twenty minutes past 10 in the evening.

1835 Bennington Feby 8-1835 The wood found employment for father as usual-rough weather to the contrary notwithstanding. Geo. & Hopkins made cow bows until past 1 P.M. & then went at other business. I, after seeing my beard off &c-just

footed it up town-Paid compliment to the residence of H.Waters'-Spent some time at F.Blackmers'-Major Aaron-old Mr Chandler,& G.Gilson present-the last was trying to trade for a piece of blue broadcloth Informed me what he should do in respect to the demand I held against him. Visited Dr. N.Swift-dined with him & his family-an Irishman was at table who was employed in splitting wood at the door-Shewed the Dr. the letter rec'd from Rutland-said he should be in no haste to comply with its request. Some talk was had in regard to the doct.setting up another store of goods on the first of May ensuing-Walk'd up the hill as far as the Bank where leaving him continued my course to L P & Co's- bo't 4 lbs sug.at 9 cs-and 4 1/2 do raisins-box-at 15cs-Looked at rye in which there was a good deal of long rye-price 62 1/2 cs-told him if I should take any it would be about 20 bhls-that is told Lyman R. sc- Talked with Esqr.Patchin on price of lands-offered me his Lawrence land for sale I would not buy. Mr.Bush said he was waiting for P.Harwood to come down with his last ld of corn ,which he,Perez said he should do-so as to obtain some money from him,which he was encouraged to expect-B left the store before I did. Waited upon cousin N.whom I found in his store. Told me his father & himself had made settlement of their affairs-Read the Rutland letter-pronounced the begging part very handsome.Informed me that Octavius told him that Bidwell had proposed to take & support him for 2 years-Conveyance was provided,but the old gent would not consent to go. N.L. said I need not be alarmed-not to be in any haste-Met B R Sears in the Street-had been to Troy-capt.Waters had been very sick & his lady had also been afflicted for sometime past with sickness-now getting better.All the rest doing well. Mrs Coffin had lately been confined with her 2d daughter-Gave a 2d call at F.Blackmers-found Gilson still there,had not completed his purchase yet. Obtained Spect.of Feb 2d in which is the curious story of Champe who endeavored to get possession of the Traitor Arnold after he went over to the Enemy at N.Y. Made a short calla at H.Waters' Came home before sunset-spent the eveg chiefly in reading the afores'd story. On the morning of the sixth application was made by Judge L.Norton to hire money-but it was too late.

SUNDAY,FEB 8. Very rough-high N W w'd. Snow flying in all directions-extremely tedious-Merc 2°- below Zero-6° above at noon-past 9 eveg.2°-above Zero. None of our family went to church. No time of much amt. was enjoyed by me in reading.executed a good deal of writing-Commenced at the beginning of the 4t line of the record of the 2d inst. & brought it down to the present by 40 minutes past 9 in the eveg.

Died on Saturday morning at her residence Mrs

Polly,widow of the late Mr. Eldad Dewey,said to have been in her 85th year- In the main we may pronounce that she was a good woman- Let fault be buried with the dead. Perhaps I may add more another day.

MONDAY,FEB 9- Pretty fair & cold- Wd.N.W.Merc. 4°-22°-about 9 eve.2°-below.
Wood was sledded from certain parts home where it had lain many months since being felled- Not having heard whether the remains of the lady above spoken of were interred or not-and feeling that if they were not,it would be highly proper for someone of the family to attend- I walk'd up street to enquire, and act as circumstances should dictate - Was told at the Tin Shop that the funeral took place on Sunday-that though the weather was unusually rough,yet a good many people were present. I marched to F. Blackmer's- remained a good while in conversation with him alone principally-his nephew,little Frank, being the only one present a part of the time-Talked of what occurred in Apl last (See 17th said month) Made another stop at the Office of U.M.R. Viewed French & American heads finely engraved-Read some fugitive paragraphs in Paines Political Writings which were noble indeed-worthy of one of the great & efficient supporters of Political Freedom in America & throughout the World. A little before coming away Mr Fisk having business with Judge Danforth came in-said he had just sold his cow which was exactly such an one as I wanted- regretted not selling to me-was bo't by some Pownal damsel who had lately got hold of so much money as to enable her to purchase a $25. Cow- Told him if he felt sorry that he had not sold her to me-he must inform me where another could be had-as good as that. Went on to L P & Co's. Performed no trading worth naming excepting 1/4 lb cloves-on book-1/o. Mr Patchin being present stated that he lately had rec'd a letter from Mr.Hall touching the Post Office Department- the complexion of which was so very bad as to be given up by everybody-Gave my opinion pretty freely on the conduct of the old Hero in retaining the Head of that Dep't in spite of the great blaze of evidence going to prove him a defaulter of the foulest character. I viewed the gen'l a man fond of unlimited power-referring to his repeated re-nominations to the Senate of persons who in conscience he well knew, that body could not sanction. But now soon we should see how affairs would slide when the Senate,by change of Members,would the pliant machine of the Executive- When the whole Gov't would be entirely at his command through majorities in both houses. Walked over to cous. N.L.R's- My plaster could be brought up from Troy at $4 pr ton-and nothing less-and for the chance of getting the job-would bestow a premium of 50cs-Entered into no contract- Wass off to the house built by Isaac T.Robinson-now owned by Mr John Vail- & occupied by Jay Ballard his son-in-law-

who calculated on leaving town by the first of March-offered to sell me two cows which were in his possession-Not being prepared to buy & for other reasons-made no purchase. Setting my face to-'d home,came in contact with col.M.Norton who complained of rheumatic ills & pains-returning home from sawing wood for his son-in-law D.Love. Spent a short time in the shop of his son Martin S. Made another visit to the P.Office- Mr.Kellogg,capt.Hyde & young Chapin present- Some loose conversation ensued on beauty among the Fair- in which I held that its possessors were almost uniformly unfortunate- They appeared tickled at some eccentric observations which fell from me- tho to be sure the good sense & real wit were with them. Entered & postpaid a letter from G.P.Harwood to Mr. Sewall Raymond,Potsdam, N.Y.-Price 16 3/4. Halted at H.Waters' Adeline shewed me a copy of Boyer's French Dictionary-Octa'v- I said something by way of doubting the utility of the study of that language-which I suppose did not suit her- she went away to the neighbors-Left word with her aunt to buy sd book if she pleased. Talked some with Mrs W.on female education-Came immediately home- P,Harwood Jun. had brought on his last load of corn- Ascertained 1 bhl to weigh 71 lbs 3 oz-cob inclusive-Whole No.lbs delivered-3432- which we called after dividing by 71lbs 3 oz- 48 bhls & nearly 1 half. Paid him in full $20.30- Ten dollars having already been paid at 2 $5 payments. Two tin candle sticks rec'd at the tinshop at 2/o nearly squared up Potter's beef bill- See Dec. 30 & Nov early.

1835 Bennington,Feby 10,1835 FEB 9 Contin'd Hiram Waters' having been employ'd with hands & teams in his woodlot-halted here this evening & took up the $300 note which he gave for money on the 15th of Oct.last-paying int.up to the day on which he rec'd his payment from Lathrop of arlington. All made peffectly correct in regard to that transaction. We rode home with cous.Perez in his 2 h.waggon.Made settlement of acct with Thos,H.Kent by which it was found that there was due H.Harwood $2.45 for which rec'd due bill. This settlement did not include the article lent on the 31st Jan'y. Sold him on acct 8 lbs cheese- 2d qual.at 6cs-48" on book.

Perused Biogr'l Sketch of Col. John Trumbull-Good- His portrait is also fine.

Mrs Risley had to leave washing this morning to take care of her son Mason who was quite sick.

TUESDAY,FEBY 10. Remarkably fair-Cold-Merc.4° un under °- 22°-23°-26°-14°-10°- above eveg. Working up wood was continued. Mrs Risley continued her washing-including cheese bandages. Henry Warren & thos.S.Kent severally & separately had oxen-the former cart,the latter sled-to get up jag of wood a piece-say from the woods of Gen'l D.Robinson. The P M was chiefly used up by

Geo. & me in preparing waggon & in putting up a large grist of corn in the ear-which by weight amounted to 21 bhls-including 15 do-oats-for Walbridge's grist mill. Read some excellent pieces in the Eng.Spectator on Temperance,Moral duties &c.

WED. FEB.11 A real cold morning-became more mild as the sun grew high & again as he declined the cold returned. - Hazy-Cldy-Snowed some later in the day- Merc. 2°-15°- at n'g My business was being partially sick all day-beginning at 4 in the morning with violent purging & puking- Supposed to have been caused by eating too freely of hot new mince pie on Tuesday noon. Father piled wood-perhaps split & saw'd too-stuck to it like a youth of 21- Geo.went to Walbridge's with the grist before described. Returned sometime in the evening-but earlier than I did when on like errand. Jany.25. Mrs Hiram Waters & children & Miss A.M. Harwood were waited upon here by A.A.Harwood in 1 h. waggon of capt. P.Dewey-drawn by his old grey mare-P.M.-those ladies were joined in their visit by Mr. H.Waters-who afterward very politely gallanted his lady & child'n safe home. Miss A.M. staying with us over night being heavily afflicted with teethache. Near night a gentleman drove up a 2 h.waggon,having in it a stove- He came in & soon made known his business. Had learned from Mr. Benton that I would purchase the Danby Stove. Told the man that Mr. B. had misunderstood me if he had so reported. I had seen & liked,but did not think of purchasing one until I could dispose of that which was bo't in Troy in Aug. last-Could not think of buying now- Finally,however, might drive through the gate up close to the house so as to give the ladies opportunity to see it- He did so- ladies viewed & liked it- all hands thought best to purchase- The gentleman, who was by this time known to be Mr.Chas.Coffin-North White Creek,N.Y was invited to put up for the night-stove unloaded, about which H.Waters assisted-& after supper the old Troy Cornell was turned adrift for O.Green,Danby Vt. Much to the satisfaction of all the family. Had I not been ill-would have written to our friend Wight-Lanesborough,Ms. Could neither read nor write-except indeed merely making out a small bill of lumber to S.Pratt for H.Waters-amounting to some over $25.

THURSDAY,FEB. 12 Pretty fair-firm winter weather-Merc. 12°-23°-6°- The stove was seen in fine operation- Bo't only a part of the usual trimmings-The bare stove was set at $30.-the flat piece of pipe fitted to the flue-at $2.50 bringing us in debt-$32.50" which if paid within 90 days should draw no interest. A list or schedule of articles including a teakettle-topp'd out with tin-bottom to be of copper-which may be seen in the day book under this date-amounting to $3.78-was paid in the ready this morning-also agreed with him to make

a tin sink to use in cheese making by the first of May at $2.50"- Took away the teakettle with the promise of sending us another in better form- Adelia & Hopk's rode up street with him when he went away- Father having tired himself down by too close application to business-kept house mostly through the day- very rationally amusing himself reading the late Oration of J.Q.Adams on the L & Character of L.Fayette-sent in neat phamphlet form by H.Hall,M.C.to Mrs H.Waters.

The grist of meal (not toll'd-yet to be paid for in money)-was dispos'd of by Geo.& me after which we cut capers amongst the cheeses during the remainder of the day. See Nov.17,23- Snow extremely light & thin-no sleighing in our section. Henry Warren visited & made re,arks on the new stove-favorably of course.borrowed a (2) 6 quarter auger with the view of blasting logs for the Methodist Minister. Rev'd Mr. Hurd. Mr.Sam.Scott,Sen. made a short call this morning-complimented Mother as appearing smart as a girl-called himself 57 yrs of age- Born in Jany. 1778.Observed to my father that he did not think the instance-could be easily found where the oldest or first born of a town,always living on the same farm- arriving to the age at which my father had-when at his birth there were only 14 freemen & now able to attend at our ellections where there were assembled 600 freemen. He did not believe such a case could hardly be found in the U.S.-

FRIDAY, FEBY, 13- Severe S. wind- Snowed awhile PM halted before sunset-Merc.stood at 18°- grew warm-but seemed to take a cold way for it-30°- at noon 28°- n't.

Geo. & self were principally engaged on wood-pile- Hams & beef,for drying,were taken up & put in a way to smoke & dry. Father & Mrs H.Waters paid uncle S.Robinson and family a pleas't visit. My hon'd father this morning-felt very poorly on acct' of the cost of keeping our stock- considered that we were taking a retrograde step in regard to gain.

Mr. J C Presho hon'd us with his company this evening- supped with us-

SATURDAY,FEB.14 Cold-Wind blowing high from N.W. freezing & unpleasant-Mercury 20° grew lower afterwards-Evening stood at 6°- Father found employment- splitting & piling wood- Geo. & self were off in town-Made the first call at H.Waters' all right there & at his shop-late Canfield's law-office.-in Dr.H.Swift's old store building-formerly occupied by capt. Moses Robinson as a store,but since his time altered a good deal in being hoisted another story &c- 2d call at Dr. N.Swift's-The Dr.Mr Hooker and capt.Hicks pres't-made known to the former a wish to exchange $300 Manchester for Bennington money.

said he could not do it-politely invited me to call at the Bank where it would be readily done- 3d call at the P.O.-no letters- Asked young Chapin if ever he knew Gilbert Charles Stuart one of the greatest Portrait Painters of the present age? Said he never had- but had seen his Wash-

1835,Bennington,Feb 14,1835 ington in Fan'l Hall,Boston-noble & fine in his opinion, but it was since the death of the artist, 1828-that he saw it- 4th call at the Bank- Cashier washing his feet which when done exchanged monies- In counting after he expressed surprise at my very dilatory manner of doing it- at the same time complimenting me with being so systematic &c- I owned my weakness & inexperience in regard to handling money-had occasion to do much at it only twice in the year- Some conversation was held on cows-Said he expected one to be brought to him from the W part of N.Y. by our Mr. Huntington (of cheese memory-See Aug. last) worth $50- Had exchanged away his famous Deming cow for one of H's which he offered for sale in case H. should procure the one in view- Looked at & made inquiry sufficient to be satisfied that she was too old & too late in the season for our purpose- Indeed let me sum up that 3 several cows were afterwards exhibited to me for sale-none of which were up to my requirements. Bo't of L.Patchin & Co 1 piece Cott. shirting-unbleached - at 12cs per yd-on book-left in their care until called for-Geo. afterwards performed some trading there. Spent a part of the time at N.L Robinson's Grocery-Saw E.Montague-Mr. R.Gulliver & others- Cous Nathan said he should about the first of Mar .have a young cow ~~for sale~~ sell me at $25.Dined at cous.Henry Robinson's along with G.P. Inquired cost of erecting a cheese cupboard in the S.W. quart'r of the kitchen,judged it would take 3 days for the joiner to fit it up- After G. went with me to J.Ballard's to view cows which we learned were none we wanted-went to the printing office to get Gazette which being produced-Offered to settle acc't-exhibited acc't of 2 parcels cheese-deliv'd in July & Sept to D. Clark amounting to about $1.65- John C Haswell said he had never known anything of it that in Aug.he left Mr. Clark as boarder & could not since obtain a settlement with him-presumed if he did not himself acc't to me for my bill I should lose it- would endeavor if possible to have it arranged so that I should not- Cousin Edwin discoursed with me in regard to hiring a privilege in our pew at the Centre Meetinghouse which was to be settled another day- Mr Haswell said he should credit me 50" tow'd paper,paid in butter last winter tow'd the publication of a pamphlet which was afterwards dropt- See Jour for Feb,Mar &c- At W Haswell's gave up note of $12 given Dec.28-1834- for Sol's cow & 4.61" & took up acc't from the Collector of taxes in full for 1834-$16.61- Saw uncle S.Robinson there- Mrs Haswell was writing & attended to my concern also. Thad C.Norton

at L P & Co's store informed me of having a cow which he would sell in March,or at any time-Came down to F Blackmer's & paid $5 money-borrowed Jan 27-Called at H.Waters paid 31" borrowed on the 9t inst- Returned up street to Sanf'd & Brown's store where staid nearly 2 hours- Saw J.Brooks,Mr.Plumb, D.Russ,Shad Norton-Elijah McEowen,young Brown-son of Caleb of Wmtown,Ms. Talked with Brooks about S. B.Young,Al & H Avery-Mr Gabey & others of that day. Seymour Merrill of promise of short return went up the hill on some private concern-got Brooks to stay until his getting back- Went to Dr. N.Swift's- Dr gone to visit his son who was considered more unwell. borrowed Newspapers & came home- In the eveg. read about the Sketched Debate on the French Question in the H. of Rep in which J Q Adams came out in full for energetic measures- for which he was highly applauded by several influential Administration Members. Read Sarg't J.Downing's acc't of skating along with the Gen'l.

SUNDAY,FEB 15. Severe morning-wind came up sharply from the S W-Commenced snowing afternoon- wind roaring off on mountains-Merc. 18°- chiefly subsequent to 11 A.M.,but in the morning about sunrise down to 4°-

G.P.,Hopkins & his Mother honestly rode to meeting-Returned with information that Hiram Waters was called on to make & was making a coffin for an infant child of Mark Morrison which had died yesterday of Small Pox- a disorder now raging in E.Bennington-Widow Webster was understood to be approaching dissolution. As usual I improved a part of the time in reading such papers & books as fancy led me to choose In the N Y American of the 10th inst,if I am correct as to date, perused the Rep't of the Bank Commissioners of the State of N.York shewing the actual condition of all the Safety Fund Banks in the State with amply remarks on Banking business & everything immediately connected with it- Liked it well & considered it a complete refutation of the doctrines preached up by many of the Administration people-tho' written by those who profess to be great supporters of tht misguided party-and even in the midst of the best part of the paper- they had to turn aside to pay an awk'd compliment to the Idol & to the Democracy- On Commercial & pecuniary transactions it really is a first-rater. My Church History got read a little- Debate on the Rotten Post Office Depart't also took it- Great fires in N.Y. had of late become so frequent-would not read the acct of them in the Papers- Perused a few lines of St. Luke's Gospel. H Warren had an errand here this P M predicted the coming of a great storm. Late in the eveg became much pleased in looking through the Biographical Sketch of Col. Jon.Williams-formerly in Command at W.Point since the establishment of the Mil. Acad. Born 1750-Died 1815-

MONDAY,FEB.16. Rather on the mild order-cldy-
som some little snow-P.M. Merc 18°-
26°- 28°- at night- Two logs of basswood were conveyed on cart axle & wheels to S.Pratt' Jun's mill-E part of Bennington near the old Bushnell grist mill. I assisted G P at this- Came home by Anson Wood's, Barney's & L.Jewett's- Going over started from our woods near H Waters' Street Lot-crossed pasture-entered main road at Major L.Norton's old Riley Place 2 red houses there to the turn below Fay's,took the Smith road keeping on to Algiers thence by the Webster Road to the mill. Before leaving the woods W. Bates came up to see us seated on his colt-informed us that Judge L.Norton was trying to hire him to work on his farm the ensuing season-rather averse to the service-should not engage under $20 per month- horse kept in the bargain. In E.Village saw J Norton Esqr,who offered to pay me in ready money the same sum offered by L Robinson for cider brandy- which was now ready for delivery- I could not now honorably accept of his terms. Bargained for 100 bhls coals to be deliver'd within about 3 weeks at our house.at $6.50 by Moses Bushnell-who said the article should be such as I wanted- Said that they allowed him on contract at the Furnace $6 per hundred-At Barney's saw very fine young bullock-cows looked thin- At L.Jewett's talked with my old friend Levi whose health & spirits seemed good- his cattle came in sight & seemed to be doing pretty nicely-Deac. Elijah had a few words to offer on beefing our oxen -said he raised last season 40 loads pumpkins in his cornfield on the W.mountain above the old pest house. Father laboriously spent the day working up wood. In the

135 Bennington FebY 16,1835 evening examined papers-some on the U S Bk exchanges & some on the P O frauds. Also perused a slight sketch,or more properly a rapid sketch of Bonaparte's Austrian Campaign in 1809-also Spanish affairs subsequent to that date- Mrs Risley executed washing here. The above Historical account,I meant to write,is contained in Revolutions in Europe.

TUESDAY,FEBY 17. Smoothly clouded over-and perhaps 3/4s of the day say from 10 A M until sunset & even in the eveg. fine misty rain descended-Ther. st'd at 30°-44°-34°-32°-Geo. conveyed 2 more bassw'd logs to Pratt's mill-went round by town-spike team & ox sled. On his return took the cask of brandy due from J Norton Esqr & deliv'd the same at the store of L Patchin &Co.there to be passed to my credit.- at 37 1/2 cs pr gall-Brought from F Blackmer's N.Y.Spect.Feb 5 & 12, in which there was much information on the late attempt on the life of the President. Debated on concerns of the P O Dep't & the French Question- Was glad to find that O B Brown-Chief Clerk in sd Department had resigned. The moderate cast of the weather made me

& my dear partner feel anxious to go to H.Falls on a short visit-but the mare being wanted in the team caused us to hang up our fiddle in regard to that. P M overhauled & cleaned & greased those cheeses mentioned on the 12th inst. Father worked very steadily as usual at the wood. Prospects seem ed dark at this time as to the purchase of a suita-ble stock of cowsw with which to commence the dairy campaign-the ensuing Spring. H Waters' employed 2 teams in the transportation of wood from his depot to his house-one of horses driven bby Ros.Day-the other-oxen by John Godby-

WEDNESDAY,FEBY 18- Cldy-so as to be pretty dark most of the day-or if that would imply too much on the dark side-could say clds were very thick-no sunshine- some sleety greater part of the morning- Very thin coat of snow cov'd the gr'd-Ther'm stood at about 32°- still it thawed moderate ly until the after pt of the day. Wind principally from the N.W.- Calm eveg. An appletree in the Litt. Mead'o-noted as being one of those which bore the Little White Apple was taken down this morning- & with more of the same sort of wood cut in the old N. orch'd was added to the woodpile. P.M. father kept busy with the axe & saw while Geo. & self were out on a cruise in 1 h.wagg- Called at Betsey & L. Street's saw & spoke with their mother -rec'd new coat & vest-bill for making suit $3.33" tow'd which had paid in butter $2.33- Promised settlement when G's garments should be finished. Drove on W.met John Whit'm riding on horseback accomp'd by E Fillmore Esqr. Enquired of the former respecting his cow-which he had sometimes thought of selling-Desired him to give me the first chance of trading if he should sell-to which he assented- at his house halt-ed to view her.could tell but little in that way-her reputation was good-flesh low- presumed her to be good The lady who has the honor of residing under his foof observing us-said- that cow was not for sale-We asked her to say why ? She replied,because it belonged to her. Pushed on to Deacon Dimick's-turned to the right-went on to the Jewett Place-Tried to purchase corn in the ear of Lyman Potter, the tenant,by weight,but he feared to sell it so-chose to furnish it shelled- No bargain-Hastened forward by Harmon's-by the Sol.Henderson place & Breckenridge's to Esqr Henry's where another halt was made- Endeavored to see a noted cow that S. Edgerton wanted to sell- His son-in-law who was farm-ing under Esqr Henry's horseshed attempted to hunt her up-but failed. While waiting-took seats in Esq H's bar-room-no one but himself on hand-appearing to enjoy the moment very rationally. Called at the house of said Edgerton. Mrs E hoped that there would be no agreement for she thought much of the cow- assured her there was not much danger of it-only come to view - But the man being gone so long could wait no longer-were off-made brief inquiry of Anthony Hathaway respecting cows & stoves as we

came against his residence-drove on again- Dr. Jno. Chandler passed us-kite like in Gilpin haste- we followed at a distance on New Road-Visited the yard of Mr. Gool saw some pretty good looking cows that his son said were purchased E of the G mountains at a low rate-from $14 to $17- Dr.C. was there also to purchase- whether he would or not was unknown to me. He drove off again at full speed- We came up by the Bank-turning round to the store of L Patchin & Co where Geo got 1 lb of tea for us while I executed a little errand at B R S's. H.Waters & B R Sears absent beyond the E.Mountain on business- not likely to return sooner than Friday or Saturday- In leaving the Hill called at the P.O.. & rec'd from Mr. Hall Mr. Adams Oration on the Life & Character of LaFayette-highly valuable present. Under Hinsdill's horseshed saw some Pownal men who said they had cows to sell-living S W of Sam'l Wadsworth's-promised to visit them on Saturday next- Paid respects to H.W's people-came home & perused debate on F.Question.

THURSDAY,FEB 19. Stormy-not very cold-snow flying moderately-very thin coat thereof on the gr'd. Wind N.W. growing cold. Thermometer stood mostly at 32°-

Late in the morning after long preparation-drove away for Hoosick Falls with Mrs H- Sleighing very tolerable ,for the amt. of snow through Bennington-from the Line Hill to the foot of that N.of the Corners it was barely passable-thence to the F's quite decent-arrived there in good season- Had mare put up at Hial's-Dined at aunt R's- Commenced writing a letter to J A Wight in reply to his of Jan 31-- To this was confined most of P M-Evening paid a visit to cousins Henry's & Burtis'- Not,however, until after Dr. Bostwick had paid his respects to aunt R.- Conversing much on Small Pox & hypochondriacal affections &c &c-stated his age at 48- We were told his business after he withdrew- she owed him for professional services- but he postponed his errand to a more suitable time. Staid at cousin Henry's playing much on flute-Cous. H. had his face muffled up on acct of violent teethache from which had experienced great pain for 3 or 4 days past. Mrs H retired to her sisters after enjoying a very lively evening at Burtis'-cous. Ellen being with her. Cheerfulness & gaity seemed to pervade this dwelling. Allen there yet

FRIDAY,FEB. 20. Cold morning & evening-but some past 12 the sun came out very fair-melted away the snow pretty rapidly-Merc.22°- Eveg. 22°- Breakfasted with Henry & lady-Some alarm was excited by hearing cries of distress from the opposite side of the river-which finally was ascertained to have been caused by a young man's having his foot caught in some parts of the works of an establishment for sawing firewood. damage not serious. Our old friend Chatfield was with me a

part of this morning as well as last evening-in good health and full employment in his line- Mary Butler's brother & family had removed to Shaw's Mills- do of course did not see them- Went to aunt R's and finished writing my letter to friend Wight- begging to know what was the matter ? My chief aim being to administer some good advice & by giving him an acc't of the principal drift of our business concerns including the attempt to purchase the land- Jan.31-and giving such little items of news as that respecting Small Pox- & of capt. H's case &c &c- as to cheer up his drooping spirits- Telling him he had too much good sense to give way to despondency or words to the same amount.

1835 Bennington,Feby 20 1835 Mrs H again went up to Henry's & Burtis'- We dined at aunt R's- Called not at Hiel's-but it was not through any sinister motive-only because time,as we had improved it, would not allow of it- made excuses to the folks as I went to harness up to come away. Young Chatfields lady had presented her husb'd with a boy of late. Between 1 & 2 P M started off- sleighing poor where thinest when we went over-near the corners took to the fields-in the woods took a wrong path by which lost some little distance & time-retracing our steps got right again-came out into the Pool Road a few rods W S of young Breese's new house. Called at G A Breese's-looked at their cows & informed them that come out the next week to)~~look~~) buy if suited. Came by the road from Deac.Dimick's to capt.Hicks'-left letter for Wight with a young man at A J Haswell's who said the young fellow going to Dalton would start tomorrow morning-by whom the letter would be borne.. Called at F.Blackmer's rec'd Spectator of recent date. B. informed me that news had arrived from France from which it appeared that the French Chambers,in consequence of the language used in the President's Message touching the Relations between the 2 countries had totaly refused doing anything tow'd making good the Treaty of Indemnity of 1831. Halted at H.Waters' Hiram & Benjamin had returned from the E & done well. Got home after sunset. Learned that the father-in-law & mother of Mrs Wrisley had arrived from the West. Burrell Day Jr'pd me in full at Blackmer's $1.26cs

SATURDAY,FEB 21 Pretty mild-wind blew up chilly from the S-hazy-cldy-Merc.30°-40°
On the 19th Geo P. carried to Colvin's saw mill the big butternut log alluded to on the first of Jany.- to be sawed into posts-Father & G had continued busy at the woodpile in my absence. This morning G.& self boarded the cutter on cruise for cows-met a number of people coming from the W. part of the town-whose business on enquiry it seemed was to try a School master for abusing some one of his scholars in school. Likewise met E Fillmore Esqr. & engaged of him 20 bhls corn in the ear to be delivered some day next

week-to be weighed & rated accordingly-price 62 1/2-
Turned up the road leading to Pownal across a part
of Mount Anthony. Saw V.D.McEowen & hands very busi-
ly employed in cutting & carrying off wood to market.
The big hill was heavy to rise- Met Mr. S Wadsworth
this side his house with a saw log of pin maple-
bound to Algiers-Called the next house below-saw Ma-
jor Potter & lady-the latter talked like an active
old lady-boasted what good tea she could buy at Hins-
dills' for 37 1/2 cs- Said she had heard much of our
dairy-told what a Mr. Beckwith said respecting it-
that there was not another dairy in Bennington be-
sides where they made the real new milk cheese- that
we did so because the curd was run as soon as the
milk was taken from the cows-whereas others would set
their night's milk & take off cream in the morning.
She denied the singularity of the case & declared to
him that though she kept her milk over night, as
stated above, yet, did she make new milk cheese. By
direction proceeded to William Potter's on elder
Green's place-farm- Shewed us a pretty stock of cows
most of which were young-had young horses-one of
which was a fine looking fellow indeed. Pointed out
the cow which he would sell. Spoke of her as being ve-
ry gentle &c &c giving in flush of feed 12 qts milk
in a day- price $18. Eunice Jewett had seen the same.
offered $17.but could not obtain her at that . He
appeared to have some good 4 yrs old heifers-tried
to get his price on them but he would not say. We
drove 3/4 or say only 1/2 a mile farther-to Mr. Brom-
ell's-saw some good five yrs olds-price $25- the man
was backward about selling. told him we would see him
on Monday & after spending much time to very little
purpose-his man being present-turned rou nd to go
home-called again at Potter's, but his cattle being
off-came back to town over very mean sleighing- I with
mare & cutter turning off at the Seminary & Geo.
going off to Algiers to get boots made by James Har-
wood. At home found B R Sears with whom took some
counsel respecting some work I had in contemplation.
He supp'd with us. The parents of Mrs Risley were at
our house this P M on a visit. They were from New
Lisbon, N.Y. some acquainted with S.Stanton Esqr.

SUNDAY, FEB 22. Cldy-warm-some muddy-rainy-wind S.W. Merc. 40°-52°- Mrs H accom-
pani'd by G P & Hopkins went to Church. My usual
employment kept me much confined Mrs Risley & parents
went to meeting. Perused papers a little.-not much
of other reading.

MONDAY, FEBY 23. The morning opened chilly-but gradually softened down so as
to become muddy- rendering ice in some places rotten.
Thermome't 32°-30°- in the eveg. We sallied forth
in the morning in quest of cows-Crossed lots in the
direction of Pownal-found many patches of ice-some
of which were troublesome to get over- Against the
ancient residence of Nathan Eldred, saw one of the

sons of Reynolds Carpenter and another young fellow foddering young cattle among which we saw some pretty good looking cows- Requested to know if they could be bought -the young man replied in the negative -did not know but that they would be for sale within a fortnight or so-they had curious kind of open boxes in which they placed hay for their sheep. Kept on to G.Potter's- spoke with Green and found him almost persuaded to sell his cow for which his price was $25- low in flesh-dark dun-8 years old-reputed very good-the offspring of that which I bo't of him-March 1829- Called at his neighbors Gardner's to see the young cow offered us by Mr.Brownell's-liked the appearance of her tolerably well-had suffered much from low keeping- concluded on taking her-Crossed over the great deep valley at the W to Richmond Brownell's where we staid a good while before we could complete a bargain for 3 cows. We had calculated on trading for his young cows at $25 pr head but he insisted on $26 for that at Gardner's because they had obtained it on lease for 1 year ending in May-calculating that it would have a calf early in April-they claimed $1 damage-which in our view was altogether unjust-as the poor creature had been very badly fed & was likely to continue so besides it was doing them a kindness to take her away. The writing stipulated that she should be returned in good order-but there was no saying a word-the dollar was given up-Then the old Buck cow came up for consideration-went back some little distance to view her-She appeared pretty well-I offered him $76 for all 3 or perhaps I commenced with $75- $76 was the highest I felt willing to give. He wanted $30. for old Buck-I proposed splitting the difference-he was very reluctant in assenting to anything like that. At last I made him a final proposition that I would pay him for his cows $78.50" & 50 cs more for driving- in all $79-and walked off- but had gained but few rods before he hailed us,we halted,and then after so long time came to the conclusion of paying him $79.50" which included driving-accidents all at my risk. Should drive them next day-He appeared to be remarkably circumspect in matters of deal but we could discover nothing dishonest about him-confessed himself ignorant-said he had no learning- I was sorry to find an instance of it in a person of his age-only 28. As the bargain was at last made-the 2 five year olds were $51.00"-Buck cow $28. Paid $25 earnest money- Pushed forward to the house of William Potter-whose ladyy said he was absent at his mother's 3/4s of a mile off-

1835 Bennington,Feby 24 1835 so after a moment's deliberation I sat down in the orchard W. of his house-or if you please N.W. of his house and wrote a billet in pencil mark that if he would drive his cow over next day with Brownell's I would pay him $12 for her-handed the same to one of his little girls and commenced journeying to the W-came to the

neighborhood of Paddocks- The woman of the lower house said they had 1 or 2 cows for sale-but her husband being absent in the woods-nothing could be done about it at present- Passed on to Wid. P's a few rods from the wreck of the old house in which capt. P formerly resided- Requested to know how long it was since his death-She told me it was not far from 20 yrs- Obtained some information in respect to distance & direction to G.Y.Breese's & went along,after arriving at the top of the hill,down a long descent through a fine grove of timber trees amongst which were some beautiful chestnuts-Our wood road led us too far to the N.to come out exactly to the point at which we aimed. -however that lost distance was of no great consequence-we thereby saw mpre of the good land of that neighborhood. At old Mr B's we learned that the old gent was gone to Hoosick Corners-went into the house-entered an apartment well warmed by a good stove-but not a soul could we find stirring for some minutes-At length the old lady made her appearance from whom we gathered that one of her sons was at home.He came up & shewed us their cows-Offered to sell two at $30 pr head one of which was 14 yrs of age-over the usual size-great milker-apparently everyway sound-too ancient however for that price.The other was of fair appearance-fine size-not a great milker-good age- It would have done to have paid $50 for them-and that was probably the worth of them. To make the story short tho' we saw a number of fine looking cows here,yet were there none in our opinions it would do to purchase at the prices demanded for them. He did indeed say they had one which they would sell for $20 dollars that he recommended asbeing every way good that was purchased by them of Mr. Vail,but we made up our minds that she was not of the class that we sought after-and therefore would not so much as give her a look & came away rather disgusted at the extravagant ideas entertained by these Dutchmen. Came directly over to Ira Armstrong's- Met his cattle going over to a hay stack S. of his house-too late in the day to do business being about sunset-talked a few moments with Mr A & then came this way to J.Starin Esqr where we were shown a fine 5 year old heifer-but ee could get no price-Mr S having been confined many weeks past by indisposition to his house so closely as to prevent him from gaining the requisite information respecting the worth of such property,he refused setting a price on her at present. His lady had lately been confined with a young child-doing well however. The halt made here was short-it was dark-the road was rough,having been partially thawed up during the day,and now beginning to freeze,we grew fatigued-not much used to the pedestrian style-in getting over the country-Arrived in the street & rested and talked with H Waters at his new shop near Dr.H.Swift's- G Robinson was with him making sashes. We got home about 8 o'clock in the evening-Too much worried to attend to books or papers.

TUESDAY, FEB 24. Pleas't-chilly morning-Merc. 23°-32°-sunset- (I will give more particulars-the foregoing is not correct-Merc. say 28°-36°- evening) Early this morning by previous agreementH. Waters went to S. Pratt's and bo't 201 feet pine boards in my name-to be charged in a/c-$3- With oxen & waggon accomp'd by J. B. Dewey as far as Pierce's went & got said stuff-which though now esteemed not extravagant in price, could have been obtained a few years since at 80 & 90 cs pr hund-Visited E Village, bo't 1 bbl flour of John Sharps for which paid in full $5.87 1/2-rec'd grafis a glass of very good beer-looked at some queer pictures- Called on my friend John Norton at Lyman's office & learned that my brandy was all perfectly right as it should have been. Something was said about our old friend Elisha Smith-lands &c &c- Returned immediately home. Found E Fillmore Esqr here with a load of corn-assisted in hauling up & weighing the same of which there were 18 bhls 52 lbs at 70 1/4 lbs the bhl-which at 62 1/2 cs came to $11.74" paid in hand-Soon after arrived 5 cows from Pownal-4 of which were driven by R Brownell & W. Potter. The 5th was bo't by George of Green Potter for $25 money down- G. had been deputed to go & meet the first named gentleman to assist in getting along with their beasts where the roads were icy. Paid them according to contract inc,uding 50cs to William Potter for driving-Making the sum tot'l paid out this day-about $141.00. All the gent. includ'g Edqr. F. dined with us. The P.M. was chiefly devoted to having a long & able address delivered by gen'l Geo. R. Davis of Troy, N.Y. on Temperance. By some blunder in giving notice through the Bennington Gaz-there was a much thinner house than there otherwise would have been. Procured a late N Y paper at F. Blackmer's & came home. Ira B. had arrived from P's- I got a letter for him at the P. Office from his brother William-dated Feb 14-proposing to have cous Ira go on & resume the control of affairs at home- Postage 18 3/4 paid out of my own money.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 25. On examining my minutes over again-perceive that the first statement respecting the degrees of cold on the 24th was correct. This day there prevailed a heavy, rough S E wind making it seem very unpleasant indeed. Merc. 28°-36°- Pine boards put up in the kitchen to season. Went up street mainly to bargain away beef; had saw filed by Isaac T Robinson- Saw Libeus Barney concersing with Dr. S. Robinson-the former said he had oxen which he should soon butcher-meant to get, if I rightly understood him more than $5 pr hund. for his beef- Paid friend Isaac 12 1/2 cs for filing saw- He very honorably refused pay of uncle Sam'l acknowledging the many favors done by the latter to himself & his father's family in former days- Saw Col. Norton at Love's- Spent considerable time at L.P.& Co's Promised to J S Robinson 1 fore qr of the big Breese cow including a proportionate quantity of tallow at

5 cs pr lb. Coming home met Hopkins gallanting Adeline & her friends Laura Burton & L.Bigelow in the waggon up street-all having spent the P.M. at our house. At home was informed that it was expected that I would have attended to some unpleasant business respecting characters & transactions which it is hardly worth while to name in this place- I immediately returned to town-went to Dr.N.Swift's-conversed a while with the Dr & Ed'd- Rec'd of the former the Documentary History accompanying the Report of Post O.Committee of the Senate- Went to gen'l Robinson's & to a number of the houses looking for capt Heman R. who was at last found at the store of B.F.Fay- John S. & the cashier were there-so likewise was capt. M.S.Norton and afterwards his brother Elijah. My business was disclosed to capt.Heman-he could not attend to it tomorrow-advised to use moderation & have the affair settled between the parties.

1835 Bennington Feb.25-1835 Rode home from near A.Robinson's with our friend Sam Loomis-said his father enjoyed good health.

THURS.FEB 26 Cold,strong N.W.Wd. Mercury 18°- in the mg. 14°- at night. Mr. Walker took breakfast with us this morning.P.M. he wasoff with wife & little girl in a waggon which he bo't of S.H.Brown for New Lisbon. Mr.B. & myself went to the house of our neighbor and obtained a promise of better behavior in future-so that the house was restored to former tranquility. Was again in the Street-dined at H.Waters'- Uncle Sam'l came there just after- walked up the hill with him-visited the house of Benj.R.Sears where they shewed me a male child born there this morning at 5 o'clock.-the 2d belonging to Mr.S & lady all doing well- Dr.N. Swift commander- Mrs L.Montague was employed in waiting on the sick and managing the nursery. At N.L. Robinson's wrote a few lines in Ira B.Dewey's letter to his brother-in my own name-to his father,mother & family concerning uncle & aunt Taylor-adding a few words on temperance- Sent compliments to the Hopkins cousins & others -Supped at cous-N.L's-rec'd a present of fishes on acct of other favors-I declined the offer but he would do so. Made some further attempt to bargain away beef-without success. Ira's letter was left in the Post Office-Came home before dark- Deac. Hinsdill's carpenters had to quit working on the new bridge now about to be erected-H.Waters & hands were among them.

FRIDAY,FEB 27. Most searchingly severe-high NW wind-some spitting of snow-very thick clouds most of the day-Merc. 12°-16°-18°-16°-10°- in the evening.

H.Waters & his man Godbee commenced building cheese cupboard. G.P.Harwood butchered the big Breese cow-dressed the beef in fine style-the weight of which the following day was ascertained to be as fol-

lows---

The heaviest fore qr. & 31-3/4	Hide	Lbs	69
31 3/4 lbs tallow were con-	Tallow	"	61
veyed to Sam'l Chandler on	F Qrs	"	271
A/c at 5"- the hide carried	H.Qrs	"	292 T16693

to N.Squire's from whom was rec'd a check on L.Patchin for the amount at 5 cs. Hiram & John continued their labors until a late hour in the evening. The latter went on an errand to the store of Sand'f & Brown-got a quantity of screws-say wood screws. Brought a line from Deac.Hinsdill requiring Hiram forthwith to come down to work on his great bridge-tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY-FEBY 28- Continued remarkably severe-Wind brisk at N.W. Flying clds-air full of frost- Thermom't st'd at in the mg.at 2° above zero 16°- at noon down to 10° early in the evening. By hard work Hiram & Mr.G finished said cheese cupboard-except hanging doors-by a little past 11 in the evening. Geo.P.went off with 3 qrs beef and 28 lbs rough tallow-the latter article being put with the fore qr assigned to J.S.Robinson-which weighed 132 lbs- making his bill am't to $8.00- 150 lbs hind qr to Mr. Hall-at 5" $7.50-the mate to that was pieced out & sold from 5 to 6 1/2 cs pr lb-total am't for 142 lbs being $8.02"- Rec'd pay in most instances. The full amount of the cow was $35.49"- Cost of extra feedg-say $7- Nelson Thayer came here & requested me to call on him to buy cows-had some that were very fine. So,late in the day with cous G.walked over across lots to his house- saw him just after getting home from Sage 's City-he shewed his cows which were all stabled. We gave them a passing look & then passed on to Mr. John Harwood's. Saw father & son-G's boots not begun-to be completed by next Saturday night--to be forwarded to F.Black's-

Adeline came home this evening-apparently in good spirits- Deacon Hinsdill was so bejuggled about his bridge concern as to send a man to H.Waters post haste to come down to assist in raising it-extremity of weather-ice & every other obstacle to the contrary notwithstandg.

(SUNDAY) When coming home from J.Harwood's called on G Gilson for debt due on bull beef del'vd on the 14th Oct 1834- Settlement was made without difficulty. It seems he disposed of it in a day or two after recg it of us-tried to put off at our weight 167 lbs,which we presumed to be correct & certainly it was not weighed while too green,as they seemed to suspect,for the weighing did not take place until next morning after it was dressed,but the man would not,and insisted upon its being weighed to him-which was done & fell short 7 lbs-so I rec'd pay for 160 lbs only at $2 7/8 and glad to come off so- for I find Mr. G a tardy paymaster.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st. No softening of the weather-some clds-dry harsh wd N.W. Mercury 2°-10°- 15°-10°-6°- in the evening. Chiefly employed at writing. Mrs Harw'd with her children & cous.G.P. went to meeting. E B Burton came down from the N.with intent to carry home his sister Laura.

MONDAY, MARCH 2. Tolerably fair-but there blew a most chilling searchg S.wind enough to penetrate the exterior of the stoutest ox-Mercury at 4°-30°-19°-. Made settlement with G.P. Harwood for 2 months, 11 1/2 days' work performed subsequent to the first of Dec'r 1834 at $9 pr M.amtg to $ from which there being substracted some trifling items of needlework,-left due him $18.97 for which gave note due first of April & to draw no interest if paid on that day-tho' not so expressed on paper. Bargained with him to work for us until the first of Dec.next at $11 pr month.

G was off with me again in 1 h. waggon looking for cows- Called at uncle S.Robinson's, saw & concluded to purchase N.L's at $25- Going past capt.Nicholls' spoke with S.W.Dan'ls- In the neighborhood of the Paper Mill saw Mr. John Benton-with whom left line to Charles Coffin respecting the stove cap which within a short time after we had it, failed-requesting information in regard to the warratee of the stove at the furnace where cast-whether it would entitle us to a new cap. Asked Mr. B. if the cow belonging to the P.M.Comp'y was for sale- He replied she was not. Went on to D eac.Hinsdills-bo't 4 lbs coffee at 14cs pr lb. Proceeded down to Smith Edgerton's- The man & his neighbors were employed in fishing on the ice below the bridge-he soon made his appearance.shewed his cow- called 7 years of age to begin with-when according to the natural index very conspicuously imprinted on the horns- she was positively 9 & there was good reason to suppose she had seen ten years;- otherwise she appeared handsome & in fine condition-recommended by him & others as very great for milk-she was faulty in opening gates &c- He bought her in N.Bennington for $16 in the Fall-had given milk enough to pay her keeping-now nearly dry-would probably come in by the middle of May. After trying some time obtained his price which was only $30- He was very solicitous to get from me an offer-but I would make him none- she was probably worth $26. We were not decided as to the route which we would pursue. finally made choice of that leading by A. Sherwood's over the hills in the neighborhood of the Rogers' down to the Farmer's Inn, Hoosick.

1835 Bennington March 3, 1835 Mr.Rogers appeared to have very fine sheep-Came round to the foot of the Line Hill-turned off down the Pool road-down to Breese's-alighted & walked in-Saw the old lady, another young or middle aged with an infant in her arms-and another of about the same age as pale as a ghost, but of lively habits or apparently by her mode of speaking-seemed to enjoy a fine flow of spirits.

Young Abraham had the politeness to seat us by a good warm stove & give us a few apples to eat. We were dreadfully chilled through,but were not so sensible of it,as we were,after a 2d exposure in looking at their cattle down in the yard-where it seemed as if I should go off in an ague fit- G feeling nearly so too- The old gentleman being from home & young Garrett & Abraham holding on to former prices nothing could be done-therefore we soon retreated. Came up to Ira Armstrong's9Saw Mr. A & his friend Snyder examining a young horse or mare which had a bad bile on its back that the latter opened & extracted matter from thence. A's cattle were in a meadow S of the brook- walked down with him to view them- those which he wanted to sell were selected,particularly described,that is their characters were well delineated if we might have presumed him to have talked honestly,which we had no reason to dispute. Both of a dark deep red-the uniform color of his whole stock-the one 9 the other 5 yrs of age- well shaped for milkers-coming forward in good season- Requested his terms $30 for the former $25 for the latter. Made him an offer of $50 with remarks explanatory of my feelings in regard to prices. He spoke of the extraordinary price given by Benj. F.Fay to Clark Potter for a cow about 1 year since-say $40- This,however,I regarded but little. At first he proposed taking off $1-I would not say-at last he said he would take $52,but esteemed it a great sacrifice which he should by no means make but for lack of hay-I agreed to it & paid the same & took them away-He suffered his eldest son to assist at driving-I drove forward-calling at Starin's to know if he had made up his mind how much to ask for his cow ? The answer being $35-his son appearing to have great voice in the matter,saying something about dealing with Mr.Ogden- concluded to be off forthwith. Met Mr. Whiton with a brother of the jug. altogether "How fares you"- requesting of him the price of his cow-very promptly answered $30-His friend-a Paddy- also boasted of having one which he would sell for $28-In the Street called on cousin N L Robinson with whom bargained for his cow at $25 to be endorsed on his note of $50-he then said if I would wait on him for the remainder six months after the note was out (Mar 10) he would pay a premium of $1- Granted- Contracted for what hayseed I should want at $2.25-Made a halt at Blackmer's store-conversed on the black side of Jacksonism- Sam H. & others present-Made another short call at H.W's & came home- The water had stopped coming to the house-of course the trough at the barn,or say in the yard this side the barn had to be emptied- Suppose the trouble to have been caused by running out of a large leak about half way between the fountain & the house. Mrs Risley w was employed by our ladies at washing-this day. young Armstrong tarried the night with us.-Paid him 25cs next morning for driving.

TUESDAY,MARCH 3d. Severe cutting N.W.wind contin

ued blowing about all day. Clear with the exception of some scattering clds & some snow scuds late in the day-Merc. 4°-12°-13°-12°-10°-. The 19 cheeses deposited in casks at the barn-Jan.10-were taken in on the hand sled & deposited in the new cupboard-Elihu Riddle,who was formerly a laborer in the employment of capt.Sage when he drove the Furnace-being by strong drink reduced to beggary- dined here & helped draw the cheese- Affairs of minor importance were looked to at the barn. Hopkins & Mason Risley drove home the Robinson cow-

Estimated the quantity of hay on hand at 14 1/2 tons in the old - & 6 1/2 in the new barn- Tot.21 tons. E.hay mow in the old barn lasted from Jan 10 to the eve of the 2d inst.See Jan 1 & 12-and also Jour'l for last winter. Our stock which we ourselves so far wint'd through were in good condition-those bo't in, with the exception of the Robinson cow,were in low plight- Number on hand 34 exclusive of 1 yoke oxen-mare & colt. Cows were stabled most of this day. Supposed the W mow in the old barn with a large slice off at the S end to contain from 8 to 10 tons-Scaffolds well covered-say with from 4 to 6 tons. Principal part of the hay in the new barn was located in the N.W.section-say 4 tons- 2 do on the centre & E. end of the N. scaffold & only 1/2 do S. side-which 1/2 ton however lasted feeding on 3 1/2 days.

WED, MAR. 4 Very fair-but wonderfully cold until late in the morning-Mercury standing early-say at sunrise-at 2° below & 24° above Zero at noon. Four P.M. at 26°-9 clk 10°-On examining the waterworks found that the frost had operated so as to draw the stopper out of the air pipe letting off the water so much as to prevent it coming to the house. Without going into particulars it is sufficient to write that after much time & labor spent in digging up ground-taking out head of the water cask in the kitchen,tearing away casing beneath it,pouring on hot water to thaw out ice in the pipe &c-all was restored to its former standing-water enough in the bargain,except that the cask,into which the head was not placed otherwise than loosely over the top as a cover- leaked pretty badly-A grist of 1427 lbs corn in the ear & 15 bhls oats was put up to carry to Walb's mill. Old Mr. Loomis came up -paid his respects to father.examined cows & barns. Mrs Brown made a party at which Mrs H.Waters' by invitation was prest. Adeline came home.Counted money on hand- $108-bills 1.76 specie.

THURS. MARCH 5. After the severity of the morning was past the weather fairly began to soften down- Very calm-pleas't wd N.-Merc. 3°-32°-10°- in the eveg.

With spike team drove waggon containing the aforementioned grist to W's mill. Miller off fishing on the ice 40 or 50 rods down stream.B.Benton, a parcel of boys & others present-the former rebuked me

rather roughly for walking leisurely on the ice in a manner detrimental to his fishing interests, which however was innocently done on my part. The miller soon complied with my request,assisted him in unloading-saw him pretty fairly begun & then leaned for Fuller's- Saw people engaged on working on Hinsdill's new bridge- Bespoke a cheese cask to be made of materials furnished last fall already on hand-not bro't away when our casks were sent us- Paid 25cs for the makg beforehand. Dined with Mr. Fuller & numerous family-A young man-a stranger came in-spoke of the late exhibition at H.Falls- Some few words were dropped on the case of Poindexter,J.Q. Adams & others from which it was evident that the sons of Mr. Fuller were whole hog men. On returning from Mr. F's kept the S. side of the river,the same as in going down,until arriving at Deac.H's foot bridge-where crossed to the opposite shore. S. Edgerton & others still engaged on the big bridge-Called at the store-purchased on credit 1 lb tea & 2 gimlets-the former 50cs-the latter 17cs- Saw Deac. Dimick looking at cloths- B.W.Jackson,S.H.Brown,John W Vail & others-Assisted Deac. D. in extricating his mare out some little difficulty into which she was getting through the failure of a part of the harness. Deac.Hinsdill was also present in his store complaining of slight indiposition by taking cold. Returned to the grist mill all going on right. Spent an hour or 2 reading Spect. in the Pap mill.Rept on Executive Patronage.

1835 Bennington March 7 1835 By accident forgot my N.Y.paper at the P.Mill. Took a view of the Pap.M cow but without trying to buy. Entered in to contract with Eben Walbridge 20 bhls corn in the ear by weight. About sunset saw Mr Cooley who said he had a cow he would sell-could not make butter from her milk-but from a precedent which he named, presumed her milk would yield as much curd as any other-Marched over accomp'd by the miller to see her. Good size-7 years old-valued at $30 only- no bargain-nor no desire to make one of such kind. Toll not settled for but to lay over until next grinding when the whole should be paid. Reached home say,at half past 7. My lady had been to H Waters' on a visit. I was tormented slightly with stiff neck. The fine cow called Young Armstrong had a calf by her side-late in the day-

FRIDAY,MAR 6. Very fine & mild-wind very light from N.-Air slightly smoky. Thermometer stood at 11°-56°-48°-35°-22°-Eveg. Ros. Day drew lumber logs for H.Waters from our lane below the house to Colvin's mill. I was in trouble on acct of stiff neck in the morning-assisted in loading timber for H.Waters-joined Geo.P.afterwards in procuring a load of sand over the river against the house of Dr.Sam'l Robinson Esqr-he hinself pointed out the best place at which to get it.River full of ice-Returned home in good season.P.M. Deposited sand

in the garden. More fixing done at the barn.Mrs Risley came up about 8 in the evening in a fainting condition. At a certain neighbor's house the man behaved so out of character in consequence of swilling on too much N.Rum that his wife scampered for life. He even said he would kill her for 6 cs. The result was that John V.D.Spiegel Esqr,one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Bennington, Dan'l Hinsdill,2d Constable,Dr.H.Swift, Alonzo B. Hinsdill,S.H.Brown,Perez Harwood Jun,Elihu Wright & brother,Willard & Nathaniel Brown,H.Harwood & possibly some one else assembled there-got him up out of his bed,caused him to dress himself and after reasoning with him some on the misconduct he had the present evening & on many other occasions when in his cups,displayed towards his wife,the whole of which he strenuously denied-took him off to jail. G.P.H. Hopkins & H.H. after the others went away with their prisoner came home-leaving 3 boys to sleep by themselves,all in the same bed,there over night. This movement took place between 8 & 9 in the evening.

SATURDAY,MARCH 7. Cldy,moderate-wind apparently S.E.-in reality they said N.E. The clds exhibited a singular aspect just at sunset. seemingly being und a vast accumulation of water- Merc. 19°-44°-33°-/ I was full of stiff neck.Geo. was chiefly employ in the early part of the day making improvements about the barns for accomodation of cows & young calves. Hopkins assisted Mrs Risley & her boys in removal of furniture up to this establishment. Reynolds Carpenter Jun,came to informe me of his father's having on hand some very fine cows, lately driven from Rutland Co. which he wanted me to see-presuming I should buy-very anxious that I should attend to it immediately as there would be men up f from Will'stown to see them on Monday next- Promised to go up on Sunday before 12 at noon- P.M. attended Town meeting called for the purpose of raising a sum of money to satisfy a demand of the State Treasurer against the Town in consequence of the remissness of the late Collector Hiram Blackmer- It was now in the hands of the Sheriff in the shape of what they termed "Extent"- whose amount was between $900 & 1000-The sum necessary to raise,to meet that & expence of collection was put by capt.H.Robinson-First Selectman,who made an able Statement of the financial concerns of the Town,at about $980. The Moderator was U.Edgerton Esqr. It was first attempted to carry 4 cs on the dollar-which failed after trying twice-Three & a half was carried. I do not attempt giving the substance of what was said on the occasion. D ebts of every description against the Town were estimated at $3700_--The means to pay amounted to about $2700- The meeting was opened in the Court House & in consequence of few attendants-adjourned over to Love's S.Room. It was voted that said tax should be collected & paid in by the 10th of Apl. next-after which the meeting stood adjourned without day. Obtained permission of E.Fillmore Esqr,to

bring our colt out to his house or to his David Armstrong place to be kept during the season ensuing at suce price as would be about right. Conversed with Judge Stephen Robinson on the rottenness of Jacksonism and the new scheme of altering the Constitution of Vermont. The bubble would at last, speaking of the party now in power,burst- History would do it justice. He seemed to think as many do, that the people of the U.S. were never worse deceived than at present. At Sanford & B's store heard Sam Scott Sen.say much in derogation of the abilities of 3 or 4 or perhaps a lesser number of the Selectmen of Bennington. Capt Hyde being present had up the subject of shaving notes,Town Orders &c of which he pointedly & emphatically disapproved. Capt M.S.Norton & Jacob Brooks were there also. Accom'pd the latter down to his house-accepted of an invitation to walk in and tarry until the return of Hopkins who had come up to wait upon his aunt Waters with her children home,having been to our house on a visit,Adeline in com'pg,the last staying all night. Their team,I believe,belonged to S.Chandler. In conversing with neighbor Brooks learned that he was rather inclined to despondency-lowness of spirits-Wished sometimes that he could enjoy that vivacity which seemed ever to attend the Scott family. Hopkins came back and took charge of my team while I ran over to the house of B & L Street and settled with Miss Betsey a bill of tailoring for Hopkins & self $4.56", of which had been pd. in butter at 1/o $2.36"-leaving balance due $2.20-which was paid now in full into a fraction-less- Mrs Street & Miss Lucy were present at supper-also 2 gent boarders-Invited them, the ladies to pay us a visit. Came immediately home. Mrs Risley & family were with us. Mr. R was released from prison-came up & had an interesting interview with his lady-seemed penitent-promised better conduct in future-tarried with us over night.

SUNDAY,MARCH 8. Mild & pleas't-some signs of storm- Merc.30°- 30°-eveg.

Employed much in the usual way-Could not get time to read scarcely at all-so deeply absorbed in my calling as to neglect going to see those cows mentioned on Saturday-until late in the day-Shaped my course petty near the foot of Mount Anthony-Called at Sion Martindale's at the old Watson Place-cows were removed by friend Carpenter down to his residence-had been up early in the day waiting to see me-but the hour which was set for my appearance having expired he drove off his cows for home. Mrs people as well as himself were sanguine in opinion that they were very fine as a lot- presumed there must have been many whalers amongst them. Mr.M spoke of making settlement with me on account of what was due me pr Justin his brother since getting away a few articles of wearing apparel belonging to the latter,which were in our care,but I told him I should demand nothing of him-Call it all "Moses" & let it go.By the time I reached home it was dark-Visited the house of neighbor Risley made

1835 Bennington,March 9,1835 an appointment to meet him at S. H.Brown's tomorrow evening to witness a writing he was going to get Mr. B.to draft prohibitory to his making use of ardent spirits in future.They had spent the day mostly with us,but at night returned peaceably to their own fire side.Mrs R knowing full well that rum had been the sole cause of the late troubles,and that if her husband would leave off entirely the use of it,she could confidently look forward for some peace & satisfaction in life- Of our family,those who went to church were Mrs H, daugh'tr & cous G.P.

MONDAY,MARCH 9. Rough & unpleas't-searching-chilly-Snowed pretty smartly during a part of the P.M.-Merc. not much odds of 32°- all day- Eveg. 29°- Started away in wagg. for Fillmores-taking the colt with us. Near the old Elm on the W. road say 1/2 mile from the centre meeting house met Anthony Breese with whom contract for transportation of plaster from Troy $11 for 3 tons. He had a load of Lehigh coal with him-said his family was sick. At his house saw Giles Jewett who on being requested gave us particulars respecting the cows of G.T.Breese where he worked last season. Drove on to Fillmore's--Esqr,F. gone into the woods-left colt safely tied in stable-deposited poke in the waggon house-the boy Elijah was made acquainted with the purport of leaving said colt-Saw W,Wadsworth-still wanted to sell his cow-made him no offer-We were soon conveyed to Breese's by way of Hallenbeck's- One og the negro boys said the old gent was gone to Troy- Garrett & Abraham rode away up the road-how far he knew not-This we thought pretty well indeed-Concluded to lose no time in getting away-at first I proposed going to Reynolds C's by Case's-but finally preferred going directly home & in so doing met the young men near the Line Hill Brook on their return. Abrahm informed us that his father had rec'd a letter from Troy urging his immediate presence there.- that he left instructions that if I were disposed to leave $28 for his big red cow I might-if not he would take for her $27-I had indeed flattered myself that possibly she could be had for $27. We rode back.- made fast our beast-visited the yard-looked at & liked the appearance of the animal-fine,heavy,lofty carriage-excellent color-bright pale red-8 years old- Walked up to the house-went in & discoursed with the young men & warmed well-ate some apples,brought us by Abrah'm-Paid to the latter $27 & took the cow- At first made an attempt to lead,but the idea was soon abandoned-she would drive very well- Ab.assisted to the Line Hill-I thanked him-invited him to wait on his lady to our house the present season to see the dairy- promised he would- Told me his age was 26- that the pale lady whom I saw there at his father's was his wife- Without other trouble than breathing a sharp wind & snow from S.E. reached home say by 2 or 3 P.M. Father was highly engaged at chopping appletree - $6 & 10 bags or sacks were left for A,Breese

at F.Blackmer's by the hand of Hopkins-to pay for & bring us 1 ton plaster. Went over to S.H.Brown's along with friend Risley & after hearing a good deal of cheering conversation from Mr. B. on the immense profits of the Bennington Iron Company &c &ce&c he proceeded to draft a pretty strong bond running in the name of Phillip Risley to abstainentirely from the use of ardent spirits & also not to get intoxicated in the least on other strong drinks therein mentioned,for the term of five years- If otherwise he must give up all the furniture &c the children to the disposal of his wife. S.H. & myself witnessed the paper which was put in my care for safe keeping. Elihu Wright & the young man workg.for S.H.,Mrs B & children were most of the time present.

TUESDAY,MARCH 10. Cldy-stormy moderately-ground became thinly coated with snow which very shortly was sifted from above during 4 or 5 hours of the middle & aft.pt of the day- Mercy. stood at 28°-39°-29°- A certain appletree,growing on the spot whereon stood the first rude log hut built by my grandfather after settling in Bennington-June 18,1761-in which my father was born Jany 12, 1762,was this day felled & yielded about one cord wood- The calf of the young Armstrong heifer was butchered & the skin handsomely taken off-rennet also saved in the real Cole style. Geo.& Hopk's rode up street in the evening & heard that one of the twin children of Anthony Breese had died in the course of the day. Procured a late N.Y.Spect.in which Mr. Poindexter's acquittal was published in toto.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 11. Tolerably fair-wind N.W. Merc. 32°-38°-50°-29°-26°-eveg. Benj. R.Sears & brother Charles came on late in the morning & commenced making doors & working out eavesspts- G & self in various ways promoted due performance of bus'i- found materials &c- Mrs H. & her son whom was absent from school-attended the Singing Lecture pronounced by E.W.Hooker at the Central Meeting house. Singing supposed to be fine-audience numerous-many from Williamstown. Benj.Har. pursued very steadily the business which for many weeks has so industriously employed him-sawing wood-.

THURSDAY,MARCH 12. Fine spring like weather-calm-but little wind in motion and that apparently from S. Merc. 21°-43°-50°-46°-38°- Grew cold in the evening- Timber for a beam to run across the W.bay of the old barn was procured by cutting a poplar on the hill W. of the Grove. Staging erected-eavestroughs raised & spiked to the new barn. The 2d foddering for the day was taken off the E.scaffold in the old barn- See March 3d for notice of hay-which we deemed now amply plenty to carry us safely through. Rec'd for S.L.Godfrey,Jun, 1 ton N.S.plaster from the Steam mill,Troy-Haskins & Slade price $6 at the mill-On his representation of the affaisr of

Mr.Breese which went to show that his surviving little one was cery sick,not likely to live, & that probably B could not obtain iron to transport for the Iron Company- I entered into a like contract with Godfrey for transportation of 3 tons plaster as with Mr. B. Presuming under present circumstances it could do him no damage- Insisted stoutly on his purchasing if possible at other establishments than that of H & Slade- because they cheated me last year- Chas.F. & Benj. R Sears were again in our service.

FRIDAY,MARCH 13- Slightly rainy in the morning-wind changed from S to a N direction and blew stoutly in the real March habit throughout the day- My observation of the state of the Thermometer cannot be stated with exactness on account of defective memg. Say 36°- or 38°- in the morning-over40° at noon-not recollected at night.

Bejamin & charles present again & fully employed in various employments.

1835 Bennington,March 14,1835 and repairs found necessary in eitherbarn. The beam mentioned on Thursy as well as the post & girt with which it was connected,was got out & erected or placed where wanted,the doorway leading into the old horse barn at the W.end of the old barn,was cut through &c,&c- I was sent to Doolittle's mill with a small grist of rye & corn-a part of which only was ground- Visited the shop of John Harwood-had a small job of mending performed by that man on a shoe of Mrs H- James was in full progress of making Geo.P's boots. Had 2 latches & a pair of small hinge hooks made by Henry Norton for 75cs" Cr.-One of the former had a little singularity attending the form of the catch which he executed admirably well. Charles Norton was working at the south fire,his little boy from 4 to 6 years of age-very fond of muck-was with him. While the blacksmiting was doing waited on our old friend & neighbor-L Norton Esqr a enjoyed a few moments very agreeably in conversation as was generally the case in by gone-days. He was watching the stone-ware kiln- Took me all around to shew me his works which appeared very extensive as well as permanent & convenient. Business in E.Village being accomplished-came up to Sanf's & Brown's & bo't on book 19 wood screws of small size. Seym.Merrill & H V D Spiegle both present.Capt (Haf) Hicks appeared to be busy in conversation with a gentleman whose name I did not know. Reached home before sunset. Hopkins being out late in the evening-we grew some alarmed & actually went to Mr.Wrisley's to make inquiry- Mason said H & himself went to Mr. Brown's- one of the children being taken suddenly ill-Mrs B requested the hired man Nath'l Brown to go for Doct.Bigelow-the young man not knowing where he lived got Hopkins to go with him,to direct- after their return M understood H that he should tarry the night at B's- But it was not long before he made safe return home. On Thursday eveg. capt.Heman Robinson lost a daughter from 2 to 3 yrs old.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14. Calm-Sun came out tolerably fair-
Merc. 32°- 42°-36°- Our joiners were again present-mainly employed on mangers & doors. Benjamin spliced a beam of the ancient horse stable-made & mounted a door opening to the W out of the hay loft-now a receptacle of lumber- S'd door was made of old pine boards knocked off the E end of the old barn-Hopkins-P.M. bro't grist up from D's mill & had a pair of smallish hinge hooks made at Henry Norton's-He rode to B R Sear's & bro't home in the evening a young calf of 3 or 4 days old-to have the same for skinning only. On Thursday evening it ought to have been noted in this book that I put in the hands of Mr. S.L.Godfrey Jun. $6- Bennington money-& 10 bags or sacks-with orders-verbal-to get me 1 ton plaster. In the eveg. read in the N.Y.Spect some letters & Editorials remarks on the winding up of the last session of the 23d Congress-irregular & stormy. Poindexter's case came out much to the disgrace of those who plotted the destruction of his character. The wood shed with the exception of a few feet lately used up at the N.E.corner was now filled with wood-about half of it dry-computed 45 cords.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15. Something on the hazy order-calm,
moderate & thawy, wind gently N. Merc.35°-44°-40°- at sunset. My lady, G.P.& son were hearers of the preaching of Mark Hopkins-one of the Professors of Wm's College-Ms. My reading was chiefly on French Affairs as exposed by Rep't of Everetton our Relations with that people Wrote Jour'l in the usual way- Rec'd line in pencil mark from Anthony Breese-stating the loss of one of his little boys-that the other was likely to recover-did not call until Saturday at Blackmer's for bags- found that Mr.Godfrey had taken them under an engagement that he would bring the load & let him, B, bring another for him in payment. Requested if I had not settled for the transportation. to tell G. I would pay B who would draw as much more for him. I must confess that I was not a little embarrassed. told the boy to inform Mr. B.what I had done as stated on Thursday & under what impressions I had acted-presuming that he would care but little about it- I must further state that the bearer of the line was instructed to get bags & money for the 2d load but as I had furnished G.with the same & engaged him for the whole job, could not comply- Told the boy I knew it was not regular mode of transacting business.. This youth had been to Pow'l to wait upon Miss Shaw the lady we applied to in May & June last to work for us-She was now in the employment of Mr.B. Before going so far as I did with Mr.G. ought to have referred him to Mr. B-that if the latter would give way-then it would be proper for him, G, to go on with it. I was not to blame for the money & bags getting into G's hands in the first place-but as I had employed Mr. B.-I ought to have looked to him & none else for my plaster until an answer was obtained from him on the subject. Wrote a letter from H Waters to Sheubal Buck-

Arlington,Vt-giving him an invitation to come & work for him at Joining & Carpentry-offering him under instructions- $8 dolls-pr month- If otherwise-$10 pr M. Two fine (ewes)calves were added to our stock today-the dams of which were Dun Potter & White Creek Sisson.

MONDAY,MARCH 16- Rained during the night past or some part of it-Warm muddy-brocken clds- great black clds seen to the N.W.-Merc.42°-55°-46°- It was known that our southern neighbors' cattle had frequented the great pasture at the S.end of the farm. 3 head were driven off- many rods of line rail fence temporarily put up by B.Harwood & son-running from E to W & then again against the lands of Wid. & Maj L.Norton- rails & boards-nearly all of which was not our own-but we preferred so doing to prevent the cattle from running in sd pasture- Saw Maj L's Mr.Godfrey- Repaired rail fence against S.H.B's 5 acre-piece whereon stands the tall handsome elm. Benj.R. & Chas F.Sears-the former only 1/2-the latter all day, in our employment. Mr.J.C.Presho came with Hopkins down from the Academy,to pay us a visit. Said Mr. A. Doty 2d offered him $120 for 1 year's service in booking-doing up & pressing cloth &c- Advised him to engage-could not do better- Hopkins left school for good-the close would be on the 18th- J.C.staid the night with us.

TUESDAY,MARCH 17 Mud slightly frozen to begin with. Kept growing rough & tedious through the day-Wd.N.W.-Merc.38°- 29°- 38°- about sunset sunk to 21°- A great deal of picking up done. Joiners finished off their variety of repairs &c. &c.-

1835 Bennington March 18 1835 Benjamin & Charles left at noon-It would be perhaps useless to attempt a specification of the articles of work performed by them during the 5 1/2 days since they commenced. 2 fir eaves troughs of 41 feet in length with tin conductors-well spiked up to the new barn- 4 doors of various dimensions & fitted to divers apartments about the barns-then there was the beam,post & girt and cutting through the door leading from the old big barn into the old horse barn-also making two mangers to 2 nineteen feet stables-also the hen proof partition under the wagon shed around the cheese presses & finally hanging door to the same and making threshhold to the cheesepresses house door-made up the chief part of what was done- Sent Hopkins to get iron work at Capt.M.S. Norton's-got 24 quarts hay seed of N L Robinson- the iron work required for eaves troughs,door trimmings&c probably amounted to a pretty respectable bill which I am now unable to state. The cheese mentioned on the 3d inst.was overhauled-rubbed & greased-doing well exceptg a few dry cracks. Joinery & carpentry & materials inclusive performed since Feb 25 estimated at $20. See Mar.13 & 14.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18- Extremely cold morning-mainly fair-clouded over late in the day- & became very chilly at night-wind S. Merc. 12°-28°-26°- at night. More blasting done on the big rock by Henry Warren who was employed say 3/4s of the day- The fragments of the former & present blastings were conveyed down the lane & deposited against the Litt-Mead-ready on a future day to be converted into fine fence. At night Mr. S.L.Godfrey Jr by his man sent on the 2d ton of N.S.Plaster-Slade & Haskin- Much of the prep't of the day was used up in getting ready to shave, & in being shaved, preparing List of Scholars in Dist. No.2. Called on Mrs W. & rec'd so much information in regard to scholars that I concluded to give up going round to make inquiry. Dist. vastly run down. could muster only about 32-returnable according law. P.M. rode to L.P.& C's store where Mrs H. bo't cotton & calico goods to an amt not then noted by me. I added to the bill a six penny door latch- Got 2 hinge & half a doz. small hooks made on acct at M.S.Norton's 3/6. Visited the grocery of M.L.Robinson- Rec'd payment in full for 15 3/4 lbs cheese at 9" tow'd which on delivg he had pd $1-now pd 41"- I also settled for the grass seed- 24 qts tow'd which went the premium mentioned on the 2d inst. by paying 69 cts settled the bill. I S Robinson, Esqr-being present-paid his beef & tallow bill in full &8- Col. Blackmer & D. Love were also there- Spoke of a military election in Shaftsbury which had caused much trouble & would still continue to make more. I can't go into particulars. Capt. I. Hawks was also at the Grocery. Let me say ere it be too late that the check given by N. Squires on L. Patchin for the last hide carried to him was this P.M. cashed by Lyman Robinson $3.43" in full-See Feb 28. Drove down to H. Waters'-Returned up to Bennington Academy- the Winter term of Hubbard expiring this day- the school underwent a private examination at which was not present- Saw & paid the man in full for tuition of my children $7- Adeline tarried over night at H. Waters. We drove home in season to assist in taking in plast'r°

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 Moderately snowy 3/4 of the day mainly from the E or N.E. Merc 28°- in the morning- 30°- at night. Mrs Wrisley assisted at manufacturing candles- Late in the morning went to H. Waters' & executed a small job of copying accounts principally against James Hicks and H. Hall Esqr. Hiram lost one of his papers, as he supposed, which after searching sometime, he found safely done up in a bundle of other papers of like description- Dined and dismissed past noon. Spent some time at F. Blackmer's- talking of dairying mostly-capt. D. Dewey being chief enquirer-Col. G Blackmer, Frank & S S Scott were present. By request played the flute in dry style-but they encouraged me to think well of it. Toward the conclusion of the P.M. borrowed N.Y. Spect. of Mar 12 & 16 of Dr. N. Swift- Enquired respecting the health of his son which he said was no better-Came home. Hopkins waited upon Adeline home from H. Waters' where she had very steadily boarded since Dec. 10, 1834. Bo't 6 quire

F's Cap at F.B's-
My wedding day was on the 19th March-1815-Not sick of that bargain yet-though it should be pronounced a poor one- I never considered it so. Among improvements going on at home they finished a house roof ladder.

FRIDAY MARCH 20- Calm,partly clear-rather on the hazy order. Merc. 30°-43°-38°- Brush left on meadows was gathered & carried off-something done tow'd making cow troughs. Hopkins spent a part of day at Brown's- Hayseed sown on rye ground. See some day in May,Sug or Sept. Sown too on oat ground near the S W extremity of the S.mead. Drove off about 40 cows passed south. Ladder mounted on roof of house. Mrs W. here a part of the evening. There was said to have been held a smart Ball at Hinsdill's on the evening of Tuesday. Music good-but I am sorry to add that they were indebted to a black for all or a part of it Let Black go with Black,I say. The ladies & gent or gent & ladies attending were from N.Bennington & Shaftsbury principally.

SATURDAY,MARCH 21st. (Hazy) Something hazy-rather inclined to cloudy- Wind principally S. thawy until evening when the mud froze up.Wd.N Merc. 40°-46°-30°- Poplar timber for troughs was cut W. of "The Grove"-got home & sawed in blocks of proper length-rived in regular order for business. Four calves butchered-two of 7 & two of 4 days old,-admitting to us the use of the cows called-Dun Potter, Sisson,Minerva and Old Armstrong. The skins of said calves were weighed and averaged upwd of 7 lbs. Rennets & curds preserved in the Cole style. By S.L.Godfrey's Jun's man rec'd 1 ton plaster compleating my complement for the season. Three tons $18,transp't $11-Tot'l $28. Transportation yet due-Drew a letter to Arnold's of Troy respecting cheese & salt- Father rode in waggon to Nelson Duncan's-formerly Wid.Billings-Duncan's folks all well.Made a pleas't visit. heard of the death of a son of Jociah Noble who was under 20 yrs of age,-it was only a few days since he had buried another taken off by the same complaint-canker rash-not far from 15.

SUNDAY,MARCH 22d. Unusually great storm of snow & hail from a furious Eastern gale-the cold too was severe for the season-Merc.34°- soon down to 24°- & 25°- & in the evening reduced to 20°- Nobody attempted going to meeting from our house.

1835 Bennington,March 23,1835. 22d contin'd- So tedious the storm-kept cattle stabled throughout the day-not even admitting them to drink-except-such as gave milk-nor did they appear to suffer on that acct as some had the offer,but refused- Two calves more were added-for White Sim & Young Chand'l

MONDAY,MARCH 23. Continued rough & severe very sweeping gusts.N.W.winds-carrying

the snow in all directions. Merc. 14°-25°- or 26°-20°- at night. Cattle well attended to-kept in stables principal part of the day- Cheese in the N.cupboard overhauled & rubbed as it should be- Wrote Journal-commenced a letter on business not my own. Mrs Wrisley worked at washing for Mrs H- Oats-say 15 bhls were tierced up ready to carry to W's mill.

TUESDAY,MARCH 24. Pretty fair-and for the season really cold- Merc. 18°-37°-30°- Domestic concerns occupied my attention. Geo.P. went to Walbridge's- Received 20 bhls & 33 1/2 lbs Ind.Corn for me-at 62 1/2 which was pd in full.$12.80"- the same was transferred to the mill where it was mix'd with the oats-15 bhls as heretofore. The toll of 126 bhls provender was also paid in money-including all up to this date- Came home early after dark- bringing only a part of the grist with him. Sledding pretty good- Sleighs were flying about very lively- The hay mow broched on the 12 lasted until this morning & there was nearly half enough to go the rounds at night. Father paid a visit to H.Waters'-procured a late Spect. of the 19th in which Maj J Downing writes a letter to his old friend Dwight-Dated Paris 1835 J F Robinson rode down in his sleigh called in to know if I wished to purchase more cor n? Told him I did not. He sat awhile talking-mentioned amongst other subjects-the illness of E H Swift. He being collector of the money subscribed for the support of Mr. Clark's Singing School,paid what I subscribed $1. Did not have his paper with him-promised my name should be crossed out. For the article hay at this time,let me refer to what is entered above.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 25. Very cold morning for the season Pretty fair during the remainder of the day-Thawed up considerably-but the snow nevertheless gave way but slowly-Merc. 12°- at sunrise-26°- about 10 o'clock-26°- in evening. With my hon' father & cous. G.P. attended the annual March meeting-which will perhaps be remembered more particularly on acct of the little cabal by whose manoevres,before hand,the Old Board of Selectmen was entirely ~~right~~ dropp'd. & some changes made in other departments. Those faithful guardians of the public weal in this little community were most unceremoniously,after having had a most unpleasant,ardous & thankless task to perform for the town during the past year,dismissed without any one being able to say why or wherefore. I was not present at the opening of the meeting-but after joining it found they had chosen Uriah Edgerton Esqr,Moderator- & W Haswell Esqr,Clerk- The former place for many years past was very appropriately filled by W Henry Esqr,who probably now being in his 75t yer beginning to feel the infirmities of age-among which might be mentioned difficulty in hearing-saw fit to decline. The knowing ones in this little business of Reforming out-having prepared themselves with ballots-and taking advantage of the clause in the act regulating Town Meetings by which if any individual shall call for and insist upon voting by ballot-so it

must be-they went forward & made choice of their candidates almost without opposition- no ballots veing prepared for others-at any rate it is believed in the main to have been so-. If the bulk of the people felt as I did they would not have deemed it worth while to go choking through the crowd & jam,if their pockets had been literrally filled with ballots. It was said that the scheme originated with some few mischievous fellows in the Villages of N. & E. Bennington. Those who officiated as Selectmen-1834-were Heman Robinson,Alv,Rice,Enos Rudd,Sam'l Loomis and C. Gilson- Those chosen the present year were-First E D Hubbell,E.M.Welling,-N.W. E Fillmore.W- Joel Valentine E. & Anson Wood S.pt of the town--Aaron Robinson,Treasurer-the same as last year. Amongst the Listers,as I did not learn the names of all,would mention- U.Edgerton Esqr,S.Robinson Esqr, & A.Doty 2d Constables the same again. I have no more to write respecting officers. not being present all the time- & even then pretty inattentive. During the recess joined my father in partaking of a good dinner of bread & butter at B R Sears- Benjamin himself was there (~~himself-~~) a part of the time. Mary Ann had taken cold confined to the bed-not,however,seriously ill- Benjamin went away to settle old accounts with I.J.Hendryx,who was in town. On returning to the meeting found it engaged on the financial concerns of the town- Mr.Patchin read the Report of the settling committee but in so low & inarticulate a tone as to be nearly unintelligible to me. It was said that though the town was much in debt ,yet on a full examination of the whole ground it was plus $80. On voting money for supporting the poor-a new scheme was hit upon- nothing less than the purchase of a farm worth $4000. on which they were to be placed and made to work for a living &c &c- After a good many speeches had been made,the usual sum was voted and then the Selectmen were instructed to make inquiry into the subject- to know how those had succeeded where the same plan had been adopted-to see where & what farm could be purchased-to call a special town meeting,if in their judgment it should become necessary-to report on the same. In regard to raising money for bridges & highways-some,almost angry speeches,were drawn out whether to raise the usual amount or less,the bridges were said to be in good condition.therefore few repairs would be called for- Finally 1 1/2 per cent was carried for that object- Soon after this-business being very happily disposed of-the meeting adjourned. It should be noted that ballots were not very ex tensively used- a part of the Selectmen were appointed by hand vote-some of the Listers also- Our principal speakers were-David Robinson,Jun'r,Hon Stephen Robinson,U M Robinson,Esqr.,Aaron Robinson Esqr., W. Haswell,Esqr.,Jon Hunt Esqr., and A.P.Lyman Esqr.,- and our good friend Heman Robinson,Esqr., What,(gentlemen) gentlemen were selected to settle with the Selectmen & Treasurer of the town the ensuing year was unknown to me.. Hopkins was employed in the morning to team us up as far as the Post Office-Returned with his aunt & cousins from H Waters.I came home on foot with

1835 Bennington, March 26, 1835 the Hon L.Y.Norton who stated that on the 9th of Feb'y last he completed his 50th year-that his brother John was 48 on the 26th of the same month. Informed me that Garret V.Huson, who was our Preceptor in Eng. Grammat at the residence of Foct.N.Swift, Dec. 1806 & Jan'y 1807-having settled happily in life-removed to the W. where he enjoyed almost unchecked prosperity-office civil & military-I say after going on in this way a number of years, accumulating wealth &c &c-his brain became turned-his spirits forsook him-he joined the Shakers at New Lebanon-so likewise did his wife where they sojourned several years- But at last he left them acconp'd by his wife & came amongst his old relatives & neighbors in Hoosick-assuming the dress & manners of polished society-a character perfectly in keeping with him as I presume it must be with his lady- It was only within the last 3 months that this thing happened. The Major said he talked much respecting the friends of his youth-mentioning my name among the rest- I conceived an exalted opinion of him I must own-but never became intimate with him & therefore supposed there must be felt a good deal of indifference on his part tow'd me on many accounts-particularly as it respected my want of scholarship-or talent at learning. Deac. E Fay Jun., in his jumper-kindly brought home my father from near H.Waters'- Bargained for a very fine young calf, heifer, offspring of the cow called "White Sim"-to be taken off next day & paid for in oats- 3 bhls at 2/o. One word more respecting G.V.H.At the time of joining the Shakers-his property being converted into money-luckily he so disposed of it that they were never the better for it. Before it itis forgotten let me state that the first time of my hearing the music of the Blue Bird was (the present season) on the morning of the 20th inst. Some persons of the neighborhood said they had heard both Robins & B.Birds-some few days earlier. A certain letter was mailed this morning for the W-Nothing criminal about it but as it was in relation to persons not of our family-we say no more respecting it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26. Not exactly clear during any part of the day-nor very cldy. Ground frozen dry in the mg.-but before night-the surface in travelled roads became very muddy. Mercury stood at 27°- in the morning-42°- in the evening. Searchg S.wd late P.M. Drove to Walbridge's Grist mill an ox-load of exactly 12 bhls rye, which excepting 1/2 bhl was ground without bolting under a new contract-(to grind for) at $4 pr.hundred. Did not pay now but suffered it to lie over to a future day-to be paid in money. H Waters sent by me to get chalk rools & an auger handle turned at Bates'-Done- Hiram & hands snugly employed in framing his new house-shortly to be raised. Sold 7 lbs clean cotton rags to the papermill Company & rec'd in payment at the nominal price of 8" pr lb-2 1/4 quires miserably bad letter paper-col'd-Did not know its quality until next day-when on attempting to write

on it with a steel pen saw that it was so woolly and impervious to ink that half the strokes of my pen were entirely blank. Geo. Benton did the business & on being asked if they paid cash for rags-replied-they did not when rec'd in small parcels-If I did not choose to leave it could go down to the store,Hinsdill's & exchange them for sug,tea &c- Not inclining to do so & being pretty indifferent as to the disposal of an article of so diminutive value,in careless good natured mood suffered the man to put up the article for me-mentioning at the same time that I wanted that which was good-confessing my inability to select for myself-He said something of seeing for myself &c- My old friend E.Montaguenwas present in the Store of the Paper Mill Co- and saluted Mr. B.as a brother- so that we may presume him to be a professed Methodist.
So much on a subject not bigger than 56 cents- But if men trick in small things-what will they do in large ones ? Fair dealing is the jewel- "Honesty is the best policy". Went to the store of S.Hinsdill-to see if they would buy cheese by the quantity but Mr. Hunt-ington merely solicited to purchase a single cheese for family consumption,said however,that his cousin Calvin in N.Y. had lately written him to be informed where he could obtain a lot-presumed ours would suit-engaged to write forthwith to learn what he would pay &c-and would send me word- Col.Brackenridge was there and said a good deal about the Militia tour in which himself & others including myself took part in the Fall of 1812. Mentioned several persons with whom we then became acquainted that had since died-particularly Ensign John Noble-son of the late Eli N.Esqr of Pow-nal-James Angel- son of capt.A,late of the same place. James was a most pleasantly disposed young man-honest, upright and fearless of every danger-come in what shape it might. At the time of his death which occurred only a few years since,he was engaged in the milk business at Troy,N.Y. Informed me that Gen'l Cross-our captain-was now approaching his mortal dissolution-after having performed the manual labor of two common men within the last 15 years-drinking at least about 1 quart some kind of spirits,rum it may be said,daily-which at last had ruined a most noble constitution & consequent-ly a very fine man- aged a little more than 60 or 62 years. Col.B seemed to be of the same opinion I had always entertained in regard to Maj Elihu Cross-el-der brother of the gen'l-that he was a most amiable kind hearted man taking great interest in the welfare of his men while in command during the period above alluded to. He returned to private life soon after, & indeed that was calculated only to last a few weeks-and in the course of 8 or 10 years became involved under heavy responsibilities on account of his son Lyman who failed in Mercantile business,lost his wife for whom he had a most affectionate regard,and loss of property,all combined together as it were-caused a resort to the bottle & glass which soon landed him in eternity-late in the Spring of 1826.

My friend B wanted to bargain with me for calves at $3 pr hd.5 weeks old-told him I would hardly agree

to it at $1 pr week-or say at $5- Said he should like to see my Journal kept while out in 1812-Told him I had always been mortified at the course pursued by me throughout almost the whole of that service-but nevertheless should he call on me- would bring forward the thing-such as it was- He in some measure excused the matter by saying there was nothing done by any one worthy of much praise- high or low that Campaign.- which in fact was true. Time ran off very agreeably during this little colloquial interview-Immediately returning to the mill where all was prepared for being away & no time was lost in loading up . Besides the rye mentioned above there were a number of bhls provender belonging to the grist carried there by Geo.P.-altogether making a heavy load for such kind of travelling as it was. But our old heavy beef oxen met with no difficulty in pulling it right a-head-through thick & thin-safely reaching home before sunset,or by that time.

1835,Bennington,March 27,1835 In the Court room while attending T meeting -held conversation with Anthony Breese who spoke of weighing corn in the ear as the most equitable mode of ascertaining the quantity &c. As I was mentioning the weight of Walbridges to be 71.14 oz-a great coarse featured man 2 sheets in the wind came up & gave close attention- making wise remarks now & then. After his backing out-requested B to tell me who he was-He said his name was Russell-a poor creature- had been a tenant of one of the state prisons in N.York- a brother of his was one of the most accomplished horse-thieves in the world-while H his brother living in Hoosick was a worthy good citizen-owning a large farm-a man of wealth & good business- Another brother yet was a fair character of business talents having had the management of the Doolittle factory in its good days- Saw this S.Pris,man again at H's store- Also a son of old Mr.Leach formerly of this town-now a pensioner in the Black River country State of N.Y.- This son of his I believe has never changed his residence. Huntington & my f'd the Col, said a good deal concerning Dr.H-father of the former-from which it appeared that he was trying to get rid of his professional calling and had taken up that of stiff farming in the Genesee Country-harvesting last season 600 bhls wheat. On the road home met & conversed most agreeably a few moments with that philanthropic neighborly man,Sam'l Robinson Sen'r. Also was overtaken half a mile beyond the Village by our friend Mr.Noble of Williamstown with whom talked over the principal bargains & produce transactions realized by us during the last six months-Invited him to call on us-Conditionally promised he would. Sept 16,1834.

Bo't 1 lb tea at L.Patchin& Cobs-price charged 3/9-and at F.Blackmer's 2 lbs white lead-ch'd at 11-1/2 cs-Bro't in an unsettled a/c overlooked in posting books-of $2.96 consisting of 3 or 4 different charges which I did not gainsay. had it added to the present y's a/c-

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1835 Rainy moderately-carrying off most of the snow in low open lands-Very muddy- Wind at first S-afterward N.- Mercury-46°-47°-42°- sunset 37° eveg. Chiefly engaged respecting affairs at the barn-where the cattle were carefully housed-and during the subsequent part of the day in writing out my school returns for Mar 1, 1835- By which we learm that there are no more than 32 Scholars to draw public money according to law in District No.2. The ladies were earnestly employed on bedquilt- Mrs Wrisley being of the party- With her made settlement of acc's bringing us in debt 99 csfor which gave my obligation on demand. Her servicea-at washing principally amounted to between $10 & $12-since the forepart of Oct.last.

On the 26th meeting A.Hubbell Esqr., in the street nearly against the house of Jacob Pool paid him for use of cider mill & press last Fall 25cents. The business was done while I was at N.York. Geo.& Hopkins separated bad from good potted cheese-much more of the latter than was expected.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28. Calm, cldy, muddy-clds ran low- Merc.34°-46°-40°- Clubbing manure in the Night Pasture adjoining S.H.Brown's Fay Farm and the butchering of 2 calves made up, with other daily tasks, the chief business of the day. There were now on the milking list-8 pretty good good cows- To Wit, Sisson, Old & Young Armstrong, Starin, White Sim, whose calf Fay rec'd & paid for according to agree't as mentioned on the 25th-, Dun Potter, Minerva and Young Chandler. Excepting Young Armstrong, none came in, previous to the 15th.inst.-and the whole number of calves amounted to 9-Black Star's the youngest being yet on hand. No calves had been killed over 4 nor under 7 days old. Father was too unwell to attend to much business-amused himself in perusing an abridged History of the French Revolution & events growing out of it. Mother complained quite seriously,- so Hopk's was sent for Dr.H.Swift, who late in the day came down. Viewed our stock after they were respectively put in their places & duly fed, & of course pronounced them fine- Said something of the Poindexter affair-President Jackson, &c.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29. The weather greatly resembled what it was on the 28th. Merc. 36°-45°-39°--mud very deep-slightly skim'd over in the morning. Business at the barn, and this mechanical trick of writing, exlcusively employed me the day out. Mrs Harwood, daughter, Geo.& Hopkins heard a good sermon-by Ed.W.Hooker-Mrs Kent came over tow'd evening & made an unfavorable report respecting the health of her only daughter-amiable consort of Henry Warren- Dr. H.Swift came to see mother near the heel of the day-left medicine for her-addressed some consolatory language to Miss Lydia of a very Religious tendency. Wore a 4 days' beard over Sabbath.

MONDAY, MARCH 30. Cloudy-very steady strong breeze-N.W. wind which seemingly must have increased the frigidity of the atmosphere, but in reality grew milder-Merc. in the morning about sunrise stood at 34°-sunk down after to 32°-remained so till past noon-then rose to 34°-early in the evening came up to 36°- Concerns at the barn were well attended to by cous.G.-assisted by Hopkins chiefly-some by me in the morning & by father at night, who warranted the haymow, now in use, to last until the first of April. The 3 persons named above, by means of Sam H.Brown's wheelbarrow, cleared the parade, as we call it, W of the kitchen door, of chips & every refuse article. Hopk's was said to have heroically pushed the w-barrow- I began clearing out the cheese press department, but being pretty uncomfortably harrassed by toothache-retired to the house & finally to bed, but not to total confinement-for I would get up to converse with my old friend L.Jewett who made a short call on his way up street. Had seen our cows of which he spoke well-wanted to buy 6 to make up his number to 20. His taxes were unpaid-going to see the Collector today respecting them. We talked of many persons & things to numerous to mention. Late in the day by the hand of Hiram R.Haswell rec'd a handsome little note of which the following is a copy-

Dated, Bennington Mar 30

Mr.Hiram Harwood-Sir- You are hereby commanded to appear before the Town Clerk for the Town of Bennington on or before the 31st day of March inst., then & there to answer to the children of District No.2 who were on the first day of March between 4 & 18, in an action on the case; and this you may not omit, under the pains & penalties of losing your School Money.

Yours truly
(Signed) Wm.Haswell.

Sent verbal answer that it should be attended to according to request. Mrs Wrisley performed the usual washing day task. Mrs Harwood & daughter near sunset paid a visit to Mrs Warren, whom they found in low health. Mr.Gibson sent on a load of household goods to the Chatfield place-family soon to follow, Three young calves now on hand. As to hay-See 24th.

1835 Bennington, March 31 1835 TUESDAY MARCH 31. Very steady wind from N.W. ground frozen in the morning-a part of the day boisterous- three fourths of the time thawed moderately-Merc. 33°-42°-41°- (Tues) In order to have my School Returns correct sent my son to 3 houses in the District for information-He soon executed the commission-got home in good season-So my list was completed- 32 in number-School had been kept during the past year-28 weeks in sd Dist. Went on foot up street, Delivered Returns to the lady of the T.Clerk- Saw Clk soon after & informed him of it Went to the printing office-left the writing paper which was bo't a few days since at the paper mill with a line intimating that I should make them a present thereof-that if the rags paid for the paper were of no

more use to them than the latter was to me ,it was an even bargain- When first up saw at Hinsdill's Bingham Hill of Arlington who said Lathrop,the man for whom H.Waters built a fine house in 1834-would call on the latter for final settlement-Bo't of L. Patchin & C'o 4 yards common tow cloth-price 25" on cr-for a frock-Hiram Scott appeared to be whitewashing there-Likewise bo't between 3 & 4 yds calico at 1/o pr yd on cr. Came down to the Rev'd Ed.W.Hooker's-left with his lady my bill of beef $1.19-and $4.81 in money in full of salary. Obtained Spectator of March 26-in which is the Report on bringing water into N.Y.City- Arrived at home in time to assist at milking-&ought to mention riding to Brown's in 1 horse wagg. which S.H. requested me to drive down for him. Father & H.Warren were engaged warmly on wall W.side meadow above the barn. G.P. visited Algiers.. procured wool'n cloth at Grover & Brown's for New Hampshire frock. Mrs Wrisley was employed on quilt. George had a hoop with 3 legs attached to it for setting under his milk pail when in actual service-fixed by H.Norton- I continued troubled with toothache. Saw development of Poindexter plot in Spect. I was incorrect as to Warren-father only agreed with him to come next day. On the 27th inst the corn & oat provender on hand amounted to about 50 bhls besides 12 bhls rye meal-Hay not gone on W. scaffold of the old barn. The mow in W. bay measured 14 by 19 feet square-averaging full 9 high-estimated at 9 tons at least.

WED.April 1st. Fine-Springlike-gentle w'd from N. Merc. 28°-57°-46°- Stone fence was being built as mentioned Mar 31. H.Warren chief blaster. Adeline & H Hopkins Harwood visited the people upstreet-the latter being this day 13 years of age- Sent by him to L.P's & Co's to get 4 lbs blasting powder which he procured at 22cs-booked.

The first cheese of the season was put in press consisting of 2 cards-the first milk set for it being on Sunday evening-If I mistake not. Sim.Harwood called to see if we had a calf suited to his purpose-none would do-requested me to send him word if we should have such hereafter-agreed to. Mr Gibson & numerous family came on the 31st ult,to reside in the Brick Shop of the Chatfield place-under lease from Maj L.N Norton. Thos P.Kent had engaged to work for the season at Mr.Harmon's for $10 1/2 pr m.-Reuben,his brother had also engaged to Jed.Dewey at $7 pr m. Mrs Wrisley was again employed on quilt. Mr.Gibson wanted to buy hay.

THURSDAY,APRIL 2d. Another Spring day more cldy than fair-wind S- Little matter of hail late in the day-about dark-Merc.about 30°-64°-46°- Walling was continued-Henry Warren again on-blasting mostly- My main occupation was at throwing manure out of stables-fixing up & repairing whey spouts & doors to cow stalls. Hop's was sent at night to uncle S.Robinson's to request his attendance here

as soon as convenient on business in his line- he tarried there overnight- being with mare & waggon. Mrs Wrisley again at quilt- I was the foolish man who endured great torment from toothache-more or less all day-

FRIDAY,APRIL 3. Hazy,if not cldy great part of the day-w'd S. & aft'w N.Merc. 40°-66°-50°- Walling & blasting by H.Warren-Continued. Uncle S.Robinson paid us a professional compliment for which he now only got thanked-I promised nore hereafter. Hopkins brot from the office a very acceptable letter from our respected friend J.A.Wight-not gloomy-returned to College-had passed examinations well-up with his class-&c&c-doing finely but almost dead. I sat right down & commenced writing a reply-Left off while attending to affairs at the barn & then resumed writing letter again. Geo.P.,Hopkins & his Mother & sister attended Village concert- Rev'd Mr.Hooker felt vastly elevated.

SATURDAY,APRIL 4. Cool-mud some frozen in the morning-but it was pretty mild afterw'd Cldy-Wd.S.mainly-or S.E. Merc. 36°-45°-evening-Did not recollect how it was at noon-but think it might have been at 48°- Blasting was continued by H.Warren-Something more was added to the wall- Geo.In addition to other business butchered 3 more calves- 1 eight & two 7 days old-the offspring of one horn Walbridge,Black Star & Yellow Pierce. In the afternoon I went to Hinsdill's where the Selectmen were assembled and obtained an Order on the T.Treasurer for the money apportioned to School Dist.No. 2- carried the same to A.Robinson the Treasurer & had it cashed for $21.12cs-Aaron D. being present- Visited store of S.Brown & Co,P.Office and F.Blackmer's- at the last place James Witham being there with a basket rather of less size than to hold 1 bhl and another right for gathering berries which he was very anxious to sell-offering them at first for 50cs & then at 2/8-took at the latter price-paying him out of the store-B. charging the same to me. W. took it in molasses- At H.Waters' spent a short time making out a bill of work on F.Blackmer's tackle wheelwhich he had just completed. Work & materials amounting to $10.04. Soon after getting into the Street-Saw & delivered to Ed.H.Chapin the Vol, of National Portraits lent us sometime since by the lady of the Hon.H.Hall-which he told me he had got leave to read. An uncommon influx of company this day-Sam H.Brown in the morning to buy a cow-offered $35 dollars for Dimick Pied- $30 for Long Sol's-the last a standing offer-might think of it awhile-Wrisley to solicit old boot legs-gave him a pair-Next Mr. Mansir G.Phillips with cous Marg.Harwood and his sister Mary-8 yrs of age-all from Petersburg,N.Y.Friends there in tolerable health-also Matthi's Cobb-pedagogue-dined & was off-said something of Jacksonism and a good deal of their stuff not quite decorous. In the

evening Dr.H.Swift paid visit to mother and J.C. Presho came with his friend Orr-both very agreeable and musical-went to R.Carpenter's to lodge.

1835 Bennington,April 5,1835 A J Haswell called just at dark in pursuit of his cow,which had strayed to her former residence. A skim cheese made by G.P. last Nov. was broached & proved fine of the kind- A few pounds sold to H.Warren on acc't at 6 1/4 cs- Another gentleman called in the evening-Wm.Bates having business with cousin George- To the latter I paid $19.97 taking up note due first of April of the same am't- which settled for all his services up to the first of last month- G.immediately cashed a note of $30 presented by Mr.Bates-signed by him & secured by Hon.L.Norton at 6 pr ct- Dr.H.Swift pd visit to moth's- Sociable on politicks.

SUNDAY,APRIL 5. Roaring E.wind-some rain-some snow on mountains-Thundered late in the day- Chilly,gloomy-Merc. 37°-36°- Never went on much slower in writing-Got no time to read-being employed either at the barn or in Journalizing. Cous. Marg't very entertaining in conversation.H.Warren bo't skim cheese at 6 1/4 pr lb. Dr.H.Swift here again in the evening

MONDAY,APRIL 6. Continued,stormy,not however to great extent-became quite rainy in the evening- verry muddy- Wind S.E. Merc. 38°-44° 42°- Affairs at the barn demanded & actually rec'd strict attention. The Cooly cow seemed quite low in spirits-was included in the number 19 that had bro't calves the present season. Simeon Harwood bo't a male calf-the produce of Dim'k Pied" for which pf $1. wanted the big red Breese's,but S.H.Brown having engaged it-tied me up so that I could not let our cousin have it-even after it was put in his cart. Sent money of Dist. No.2 by Hopkins to Lyman Sibley-one of the Prudential Committee-and had his rec't for the same- $21.12-See Saturday 4th-Sent J.A.Wight's letter-or rather my letter to him-down to neighbor Wrisley's to go by mail- Father clubbed manure in the meadow. I continued tormented by toothache. Assisted Geo. at weighing 7 cheeses which amt'd to about 273 lbs.

TUESDAY,APRIL 7. Stormy to a considerable amount. Some snow mingled with rain-Mountains covered with snow-air chilly-wind fresh from N. Mud unusually deep-travelling extremely bad-Merc.34° 40°-36°-. Soreness about the eyes or sockets of the eyes,jaw ache on the right side & pain in all that region caused me,after getting concerns at the barn pretty well done up,to lay several hours snugly stretched near the stove on the floor. Geo,& Hopkins went up street sold 18 lbs 11 ozs butter to Hiland Hall Esqr. rec'd pay in full at 1/o & also $7.50 in full for beef-sold ,some of the last hours of Feby. Out of 7 sold 3 cheeses to M.S.Norton,D.Love,& John Hicks-total lbs 127-1oz came to $1o.81 paid in full. The money for the

butter was handed over to Mrs Harwood to be at her own disposal. It was too stormy for their undertaking and therefore they returned early P.M. I assisted at night at milking the cows. Father resumed the business which he entered upon yesterday but backed out on acc't of the weather-retired to his book. I B Dewey called & spent the night with us-talked of driving team for S H Brown-our ladies were much amused among themselves with what was said by cous.Marg't. After going to bed-suffered so much from pain about jaw,right ear,throat &c-that I arose,soaked feet took a dose of peppermint tea-that is essence of that weed-went to bed & slept well. Lost,yesterday,a pair of silver bowed spectacles bo't of John W Cobb in the Fall of 1833-for I think about $2- So it goes-Hay mow cut-nearly in centre.

WEDNESDAY,APRIL 8. Quite mild-fresh wd from N.W. flying clds-33°-48°-51°-42°- nine in the evening. Besides giving strict attention to cows. The business of March 28 was resumed & prosecuted with spirit. Half an acre of pasture gr'd near a large elm standing in the section mentioned 28th March- was sown with about 3 quarts grass seed and harrowed in- Hopkins drove the team- Twenty one cows had come in-all doing well excepting that known by the name of "Long Island"-a part of whose bag seemed to be in a fair way to be lost. Sam'l H. Brown sent this morning by Elihu Wright & got the fine red female calf,the offspring of the Breese cow at $1 cr. Geo.butchered 1 calf yesterday & 2 more this day. I B Dewey returned late eveg.

The W. hay mow was broached on the 3d inst. Divided on the 7t-supposed when commenced upon to contain at least 9 tons. Turn over to May 3.

THURSDAY,APRIL 9. Mild westerly wind-prevailed strongly through the day-drying up the mud at a great rate. Frogs were cackling in the swamps- Many signs of Spring were visible. Merc. in the morning stood at 35°-58°-60°- Great business at clubbing manure-more especially in the young orchard & grounds connected therewith. Geo,Ira Dewey & Hopkins were chief operators-father no less than they. After seeing in press a large 2 curded cheese for the season, & having beard taken off-and being otherwise rigged-started for the S.E.part of the town-Borrowed of the Hon.L.Norton's people the Spect. of Ap.2.- Crossed the Atwood meadows-halted at Sim Harwood's-nobody about the house-wrote with red chalk on a strip of board that he could have a young calf between that day & Saturday next at noon-afterwards saw his boy-gave him the errand-told me Sim was gone to Algiers-Went on to Moses Bushnell's learned that the reason why he had failed of bringing on the coals which he engaged to me on the 16th of Feb last,was that he had no more than sufficient to make out his contract to the Furnace Co-Owned that he ought to have given me notice of it-Could supply me until the first of June-I next visited

Allen Brown at his saw mill- He would sell no coals under $7 pr hundred. Shewed me a buzz saw set in a machine lately invented, as he represented, by himself, for cutting out cooper stuff. Mentioned a fine cow owned by his daughter-for which she had been offered $30. I went to view her-pale red-good size-about 8 years old-appeared well enough-would not come in very soon-not wishing to buy-took no great interest in the thing-Brown gave her a great name-farrow last season, but at the same time produced full if not over 1 lb butter pr day. Went on to tell that many years ago he owned a most extraordinary fine cow for which one of the Covells of Troy N.Y. offered & actually counted out to him $46, but he wholly refused it-held on to her until she became very old. I said that I had never seen a cow yet that I should value at that rate-should have let her slip forthwith. There were two

1835 Bennington (March) April 10, 1835 men of middle age with Mr. B-one of whom I took to be his son-in-law Rice. Came up to Bushnell's related the coals speculation with Brown- Bush'ln agreed if I wanted coals of him, to bring me a good load-consisting of 100 bhls, as I took it, for $6.00. If I should get supplied by another, to give him notice of the same, otherwise the contract should hold good. From B's stretched to the N.W. across lots-over the Lawrence & Down farms-on the latter saw the grave stone erected to the memory of the late owner, Mr. Elisha Downs Sen'r-aged a few months over 75-dying, if I be correct, July 30, 1818. There were some swindgingly heavy stone fences to be seen on sd farm-which had lately passed out of Dr. F. Johnson's hands into those of some one else. The doctor's lady was a grandchild of the old gentleman. Saw a man near the house fixing up fence-probably the proprietor. Came slowly along down by the Dr. Fuller house to L & Eunice Jewett's-halted a few moments-Presently came up a lady on foot accomp'd by 3 or 4 children whose size did not particularly notice-sd lady had on I believe a plaid cloak appeared rather over the common size of the sex-could use her tongue pretty readily-but I do not mean to insinuate by that, that she was wrong in what she said-at any rate she stated that her husband came up from Adams-Ms-with herself & family in a 1 horse waggon having with them their household stuff-as she thought to the amount of about $70. Put up at the Inn of Jonas F. Billing-where on acc't of bad travelling and some other reasons rendered by her-herself & 4 children tarried 5 days-had subsequently paid a visit to a Mr. Smith's at Hinsdill's, previous to which however they had obtained Jonas' bill of fare-$11-pronounced by her friends there to be very extravagant- Had this day been to see him respecting paym't not having money to meet it, they offered to turn out property enough to amply secure him until the money could be procured-But no, as she represented the matter-nothing would

satisfy him except taking possession of all the things which he told her would never get into her possession again and must be sold at auction. Her husband had gone to Pow'l for something & Jonas meantime drew his horsewhip and peremptorily ordered her & family out of his house-forthwith-so she came off as she was-Meeting Reynolds Carpenter on the way told her story to him & requested advice how to proceed-He told her to apply to the authority of the Town for redress- We told her the same. Indeed this was just what I expected to hear from that quarter-We all gave in that Jonas ought not to be allowed to keep tavern-He would get tipsy & his wife had become a real sot-the woman said during the time she had staid there-the neighboring women were once called in to restore her to life-had to pry open her jaws to introduce strong hot tea in order to bring her to. Understood this lady to say her husband's name was Taylor. Did not stay to know how she managed,whether she put up at Jewett's or went farther. Came up to the Hon. L.Norton's accomp'd by a gentleman & lady in a pretty good 1 horse waggon with lofty steel springs-being seated at the back part-they had come from the S 30 miles-enquired respecting Deac. Hinsdill,Ed.H.Swift,&c as if acquainted in town. Margaret & Adeline visited at H.Waters' on foot.

TUESDAY,APRIL,10. Warm and pleasant- Farmers might smile in good faith.Merc. 34°-66°-68°-70°-52°- Chief farming employm't spreading manure by father & me-Geo.& Hopkins were off selling cheese-got rid of six- of which the Furnace Co bo't 5 at $8 pr hundred-paid the ready $19.42- The other was cut & sold to Gen.Henry Robinson & B Day on cr at 8 1/2 cs. The Rev'd Edw. W.Hooker direct from Williamstown this morning called a few moments to see mother & gave me a rec't in full for salary-1834-5-$6.00-Feb.28-Turn back also to March 31. Margar't had sick head-ache to punish her for visiting at Him Waters' on foot. Lydia was waited upon home by Diadamia in Capt.D.Dewey's waggon-the latter bro't her children-pd a pleas't visit.Nath'l Brown came to see about buying calves. Ira B.Dewey was off in the morning to look up employment.

SATURDAY,APRIL 11th. Anotherpleasant smoky day- Wind S.- Merc. 37°-67°-70°-56°- Mud drying up rapidly. That lot of manure spoken of Jany 21,25,was wholly spr'd. Four young calves were butchered by G. assisted by Hopkins. Fencing was repaired by father- I marched up street-not however without seeing H.Waters employed in making a handsome white oak land roller for Sam.H.Brown. At S. Chandler's bargained for $1' worth coals at 8cs. Seeing Wm Potter there,honestly told him the prices paid for the cows which were bo't of Richmond Brownell-at which he appeared quite astonished-did not think he should ever have entertained the most

distant idea of exacting such unreasonable price for such kind of property. At F.Blackmer's saw our friend Frank in whose hands deposited $12 to buy at N.York,to which place he should go next week, a cotton & wool carpet-24 yds-not to purchase if the price should exceed 62 1/2 cs pr yd. B's opinion being that next Fall such goods would be cheaper than at present. Procured Spect.of Apl 6. Gov. Tichenor came in said Connecticut was Jackson. Left $6.25 to get flour,with friend Blackmer. Visited Post Office-no letter- Some people were collected at the Academy to form a Fire Co- Saw R.R.Sears & hands engaged in framing a roof to Kellogg's Judge Smith house which squared 36 by 40 feet. Came down to B's store & with cap't P.Dewey viewed 2 cows which he offered for sale-the one at 28,the other at $30.-the former having a calf 2 weeks old,7 yrs old-dirty red-the latter yet to come in-say first of May-nearly black-good size-about 10 yrs old- Told him he was too high-left him to think of it. Came home & took part in milking-Adeline assisted. Fine evening-fair moonlight-excepting the great halo which surrounded that dim luminary. Dr.H.Swift came down in the mg.

SUNDAY,APRIL 12. Pleas't morn warm-In the eveg. wind came up fresh from S.Great signs of rain-Merc. 34°-68°-58°- Dairying,writing Jour'l,& reading N.Y.Spect. Article-Life of Col.Burr by Col.Knapp-used up the day- Marg't & all the rest of the family,father & mother excepted,went to Church and heard preaching by Ed.W.H. Dr.H.Swift made mother a visit late in the day. Hiram Waters came with him-gave a passing look at cows bowed up- A cheese of 2 curds taken out of press this morning-weighed 69 lbs-

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MONDAY,APRIL 13, Rained mortally & all the farmers rejoiced at it-I guess-Grass &n othergreen things started handsomely-Cleared up cold late in the eveg. Merc.stood at 46°-in the morning-44°-at noon-46°-again if I rightly recollect-42°-at sunset Providing well for cattle,repairing milking stools,clearing out the cheese apartment & making a sharp beginning at the same game in the cheese room formed the principal acts of the day. Hopkins with his friend Warren Sibley-by means of wheel-barrows-removed the banking laid about this house-1834. Mrs S.Harwood began making cheese of but one curd only-performed her washing with her own hands-for the first time in many weeks-consequently she became greatly fatigued at night- Cous.I.B.D. put up with us at night.

TUESDAY,APRIL 14. Bro't us to another winter-cloudy-high roaring N.W. Mar. wind-besides a spice of snow toward the winding up of the day & in the eveg. Thermom'r in the morning 29°-arose between 9 & 10 o'clk to about 36°-, but before 12 gradually sunk to 32°- and continued there

pretty steadily until the approach of night after the snow came whirling about-kept descending until 1/2 past 9-when last I visited it she stood at 26°- Nothing very special going on-a gate post was hewn & planted by father assisted in part by me-not the hinge post-The gate was made by Josiah Riley I believe in 1802 or 1803 and has served with few repairs ever since. commanding the only entrance by the lane to the dwelling in which we reside for waggons,carriages &c- Geo.& Hopkins were deputed to visit the street for the purpose of getting the shoes of the oxen taken off-a few bushels of coals & if possible,a bbl of flour-but S.Chandler being on the jury bench,the Co.Court beginning its Spring Term this day-could only obtain the coals of which bro't home 12-1/2 bhls for which paid $1-in full-The otherarticle could not be had without giving a larger price than $6.621/2- Nor would Forbes build Hopkins a pair of coarse boots for less than $1.50cs-materials all furnished- So they made the best of their way home again- gaining as much as to receive full payment of Burrel Day for 17 1/2 lbs cheese at 8 1/2 cs-$1.49- Early P.M. the cows were all stabled in good order-I improved a part of the time preparing Acc'ts for settlement with H.Waters-Am't of bill against him-not far from $47-His perhaps would be from $30 to $36. Cousin Ira returned here in the evening-had found no place where they would give him employment. Cousin Margaret entertained us still with her cheering knack at anecdote & description of every day-affairs. Mrs Harwood saw the terrors of an empty flour bbl staring her full in the face and to do away some parts of its hideous consequences-marhhed off-quick-step to the neighbors & borrowed a very scanty supply of flour to last until good luck should do more for us. Mr.Sanford & lady-Mr Brown & Mrs Dexter all I believe started for N.Y. this morning. Henry Warren came over late in the day let him have 4 lbs cheese-not first quality-charged at o/6-requested me to take pay in old iron-I refused it.

WEDNESDAY,APRIL 15 Extremely cold-pretty clear-Merc.in the morning-22°-39°- at about 12 at noon-past (3) 2-42°- Evening at 36°- Perused some very lively pieces in the old Eng. Spectator-on Eternity, Love,&c. Mrs Harwood,G.P.--cous.Marg't & Adeline & Aunt Lydia were up street & with the exception of the last heard preaching by Mr.Hooker-who among other topics brought up Sunday Mails-which he thought ought to be discontinued. Arrived from Hoosick our cousins Andrew & Ellen Parsons-leaving all in usual health at home- Henry & Burtis were about to discontinue house-keeping & board out. Cousin Ira joined us in milking at night. We found that the Old Wadsworth cow had assumed so much of Cane in her behavior as to almost to defy our skill in managing her-however-the knee-band was successfully applied to her right fore leg-could be

milked so very peaceably- Henry Warren came over and looked over accounts- On a reckoning made about the end of last April-say 26th-there was due him 84cs on the bill made up on the 2d of Feb,it appeared that there was a balance in my favor of 80cs- & now at this date-including all entries since Feb 2-difference in his favor amounted to 31cs-to which add the 4-leaving due him 35cs. Annual Fast-this day A part of the family attended the Village Concert at the Cong.Meetinghouse- Cheeses along these days weighed only about 36lbs- from 22 cows.

THURSDAY,APRIL 16. Stormy from the S. during the morning-snow flying lightly-continued rather inclining to be rainy half the P M cldy to the end of the day. Thermometer 36°-48°-40°-Spring seemed slowly on the advance. Waiting upon cows in various ways made long mornings at this season. Board fence up the lane between N.& S. meadows was in part repaired. Henry Warren came late in the morning-made 2 excellent blasts in the big rock next the water trough. Our cousins departed for home about noon-taking Adeline with them-Sent their mother a cheese that weighed 52 lbs at o/6-She requested it at 8cs-but as it was so nearly up to my price-presumed she would find no fault with me at that-especially as she gets cr. They informed me of a scheme on foot by the men named in Jour'l for Mar.& Ap'l 1834,to get me into a neighboring State for the sake of overhauling an affair of those days- I Rogers got wind of it & was very anxious to forward information thereof to me- I also from another source learned more of plans laid for said purpose. P.M. rode up Street-Saw a good many people together on acc't of the Session of the C.Court- Water cause at N.Village went against City Esty- Saw uncle Sam. Robinson-went into Sol.Clark's Bindery with him-Saw A.J.Haswell who let me have a copy of the latest Vt Gazette-which overflows with Democracy- Connecticut gone Jackson-Saw Ira Fillmore who assured me that in all probabilities a minister might be had at his fathers-His father had gone to Woodford to get lumber,could perhaps see him on his return-He made some sage remarks on a subject which is foreign to my present purpose. Before quitting the ground saw among the throng-Hon.L.Norton who gave me a passing compliment. At the P.O. rec'd a letter-paid 12 1/2 cs postage thereon. At Hinsdill's,W.Henry Esqr,E.Fillmor Esqr,James Hicks Jun'r & a stranger considerably in years-but great on horses & horse geneology-Great at description-appeared to be greatly interested in the propagation of the animal &c &c. Did not learn his name.

1835 Bennington,April 17,1835 Esqr Henry made enquiry respecting the health of my parents to which correct replies were returned-and the same question was put to him-Said he was 74 years of age-

in Nov.last-with exception of a late bad cold had enjoyed good health-In the course of our conversation reference was had to former political struggles at March Meetings in this Town-when it used to take up the whole day to elect the Moderator only-we particularly recollected the last Wed.in March 1811-Eleazer Hawks,Moderator-Wm.Hawks,his son Clerk-Politicks running very high-the former proving,as might well have been anticipated,a most unfit person for the place he attempted to fill-Very badly understood & wretchedly performed the duties of the office.He was an honest,but headstrong fiery man-and that day perhaps he suffered cruelly from the intricate & to him knotty situation in which he was placed. Esqr.H. agreed with me that he bore a strong resemblance to our present Chief Magistrate-&c-
We talked much more of those days-but time & correct recollection are wanting to enable me to make entry of it here. Mr.Fillmore informed me that our colt had the horse distemper the worst kind- that Mr Nelson was taking care of him. I told him to tell Nelson to do by the colt as he would by his own & I would reward him for it. Some one mentioned burning the shoes,brimstone &c under the animal's nose- F. said his colts were also afflicted in like manner, but he should try no such thing. for Hallenbeck of Hoosick-partly in the same neighborhood having a sick colt-tried the experiment & killed it at once in the operation- I broached the subject of hiring a minister for the season- He said he had 2 but felt averse to letting either of them-wanted to sell-
His best he would touch off at $14- But if any one would pay his price,he would lease him. I became anxious to know that price,and fell to pumping him-he refused telling & in his turn asked me how much I would pay ? So I frankly offered $5-he said I should have him-from the first of June to the first of September-So that bargain was made-Not however without my finding out his terms-which were $1 less-I made no whimpering in regard to that. Visited F.Blackmer's store where bo't 1 lb tea on cr.which after getting home was tried & condemned as bad-H.Waters came there with 2 finely wrought iron pully wheels- L.Patchin & Hiram Blackmer pres't- Some talk was had respecting Frank's going soon to N.York-health too poor to go just at present-His brother Hiram seemed to think some of going with him. Leon'd Godfrey came there & said his teams came in on Sundays- Agreed to bring up from E Village flour for B & me-Price at $5.75-should exact of me $6.50-but after I returned into the store Blackmer said he could have save me 25"-in that bar'g.-told him he might try it now-as I was going to do a good deal of business with him & had already favored him with what he had done- B. said he would shine into him. Visited the shop of H.Waters-Dr.H.Swift's old store-where saw a new lot of bitt,bitt.stock & all the fine things thereunto belonging-tools so tempered as to appear as if made of brass- Geo.Robinson & Russell

Judd were at work there. Miss Lydia Harwood rode home with me. Dan'l Hinsdill rode down-bo't one of our cheeses-paid in full $3.03 Cheese weighing 3 oz oz over 36 lbs-at 8 1/2 cs.

My letter proved to be a down right good one. Mr. H.Hall tole me he purch'd of the copy of Eng. Spectator borow'd of his lady at the City of Washington-at Auction. Ira B.Dewey came home & said he had hired to Erastus Hays for the season at $10 pr month-to commence on the morrow. H. occupied the old Henry Walbridge Farm-owned at present by Austin Harmon Sen.

FRIDAY,APRIL 17. Real Winter-very powerful gusts N.W. wind playing upon a hard dry frozen country,the face of which was covered with snow-which article kept being sifted by turns, down upon us. Merc. 23°-28°-24°- middle number the veryhighest known this day- The fragments of rock blown out by H.Warren were boated off down the lane for fence-snow making the boat run most beautifully this morning- it seemed as if the oxen would have moved a mountain-could it have been on the boat. Hopkins was deputed with team to get a jag of wood from our friend Wrisley. He likewise tramsported by means of old mare & wagg.bbl of flour from F. Blackmer's- Said flour being procured by my worthy friend Black'r at $6.25" as he had calculated. See Sat. 11th. Six lbs butter sold to Dr.W.Bigelow-pr his son Edm'd-paid $1. Cous. Marg't went to Mr. Hall's to visit her fr'd Sophia Mather. Cheese of April 15 - weighed 38-1/2 lbs.

SATURDAY,APRIL 18. Winter continued in all his majesty until nearly or quite noon-Very cutting wind from N.W.-ground firmly frozen-snow thinly covering the ground which greatly favorad vegetation. Merc. 16°- 37°- noon-40°-past 4 P.M.-34°-Eveg.--More post timber brought down- 50 posts rived out by father & Hopkins. Geo.P.M. went with oxen & cart & drew ld wood for Wrisley from the late Green Farm-now in possession of Stephen Bingham. After his return a bridge of planks was erected in the old barn in front of the W stable. S.half of the hay mow in the W.bay lasted only until past mid day. By butchering two very sickly calves introduced to use 24 cows. Scarcity of hay almost made my father run mad- His chief spleen was leveled at me. Mr.Wight most welcomely arrived from Williams College-Health not very good. Henry Warren came over in the evening and got a small quantity of butter & cheese-on a/c

SUNDAY,APRIL 18(19) Cldy-some rainy-chilly S.wind-Growing warmer-Merc. 28°-40°-45°-46°- Eveg. Geo.P with Mr.W. went to meeting-heard Mr.Hooker on mysteries during A.M. Cousin Marg(t returned from her visit amongst friends about town. Father suffered severely in his mind on account of lack of hay-his prospects were gloomy in the extreme-

& he hotly poured out his wrath on my head & shoulders as the author of his troubles.

MONDAY, APRIL 20. Warm-wind blew up warm from the S clouds gathered in the N.W. P.M. say about 5 o'clock came on a furious thunder gust-didn't last long- some old buildings reeled under it-the old barn once the property of Judge Jonathan Robinson-taken from the Military store kept here during the Revolutionary War- the contents of it being a part of the object of the British Expedition to Bennington-Aug 1777- came nigh oversetting during this storm- Grew cold in the evening- Merc.52°-64°-49°- H.Warren blasted rock-Many fragments drawn away for wall- Geo.commenced plowing Clark's orch'd- A quantity of manure in the N.meadow-spread by our father.

1835, Bennington April 21, 1835 Lohg preparation ended, and was off to Walbridge's. Met I.B. Dewey at Nicholls bridge- Young Noyce had returned to Hays'-gave hin $2 to get his former chance Ira B. had since been to the son-in-law of capt.L.Sherwood-Mr.Sweet of Hoosick and engaged himself at $10 pr month for 6 or 7 months provided they were mutually suited with each other. Mr.S. chief employm't wool grow'g. Likewise saw Dr. N.Swift who seemed to entertain hopes of his son's recovery. At the mill the ground me 5 bhls rye provender-1/2 do shelled corn for making bread- Bargained with Ebenezer Walbridge for 20 bhls corn in the ear at 4/o Saw Stebbins D who as usual seemed to dwell much on the question-What is man ? During the shower read Old Eng.Spect. No.42 & a part of the succeeding one. Conversed some with Alvin Bates-bo't of him 4 heaping dozen clothes pins-payable in appletree timber. The paper mill was being in part dissected-for repairs- D.Ruttenbur chief carpenter. Past 5 started for home-halted a moment at uncle Sam's to converse with the good man of the house- Called at cous.Nathan's bo't 1 doz-oysters in shell-paid o/9. Saw Robert Noble of Williamstown-talked some of buying cheese of us-nothing agreed upon. At F.Blackmer's left $6 to pay to S.L.Godfrey Jun tow'd teaming-and order on Arnolds Troy-for sack salt & 16 lbs coffee.Reached home after dark.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21. Snowy in the morning-hazy calm day-wind mainly N.Merc.34°-46°-54°-43°- Geo.with ox team on big waggon was off for Walbridge's with 16 bhls rye- Rec'd & paid for 20-1/4 bhls corn in the ear at 4/o-paid the miller, tow'd grinding $2- Returned home with about 17 bhls cob meal at night- He also left, according to order, $3 in money with F.Blackmer to purchase at N.Y.-new flute & music book for Hopkins. Father repaired fence on the S.H.Brown line against N.end of the farm. Henry Warren drilled the old rock yet more and made some excellent blasts-work'd the P.M. only. Mr.Wight visited Post Office & besides read many No's of Eng-

Spect.- Black Experience & daughter cleaned cheese room-Paid them about 50 cs-consisting of 25cs money-remain'd in cheese- Mrs Wrisley washes.

WEDNESDAY,APRIL 22d. Slowly rainy- continued so an hour or two P.M. The thermometer was perhaps some observed. but in making up notes for that day omitted setting down the numbers. Acco ding to Mr.Wright's recollection the highest was 43°- (Merc.34°-46°-54°-43°-) During A.M. many acres were sown over with plaster by Geo.P.-J A Wight & Henry Warren- P.M. the two last retired. Geo & self by means of wheelbarrow removed 28 old & all the new cheeses out of press up to this date. Did little more at sewing plast.up S- Father had trouble from sore great toe- Hopkins waited upon Adeline home from Hoosick Falls- All well there- nearly dark when they got home. Mr. Wight perused Sepctator,Poetry &c- Cousin Margaret brought home aunt Lucy's letter which I perused- In wheying cows gave them 1 quart rye meal pr head daily.

THURSDAY,APRIL 23. Cold sleety morng. Slight showers P.M. Wd mainly N-Merc.34°-48°-42°- Hopk's was sent to Walb's mill & returned with all the provender due. Total amount ground on new contract according to my reckoning-was 68 bushels- The load with which he drove home was a heavy one. Father felt downcast-said he should give up business- bothered with sore toe- Fences up lane repaired- Garden- D on W. side- Mr.Wight reads Spect.- goes up street-returns with papers which were full of Jackson triumphs- Rhode Island gone Jackson- Lydia & cous Marg't visited at H.Waters- Marg't Hicks waits upon Adeline visiting at Judge L,Norton's-the former soon to depart with her sister Julia and husband to Illinois -the latter sick in the evening. Matthias' Trial was now coming out in the papers- Emperor of Germany-dead- aged 66- began to reign in 1804 under title of Francis 2d- Railroad Car burnt near Bordentown-N.J.-passen- gers suffer immensely in loss baggage.

FRIDAY,APL.24 Raw-chilly-high N.W.Wd-aspect unusually gloomy-so cold that pasrures could yield no feed-barely in some favored spots began to appear a little green. Merc.30°-40°- 48°-42°-35°- George ploughs in C's orchard -A por- tion of board fence on the Norton line having been blown down was repaired-chiefly by Hopkins-and me- father formed one of the party at first,but returned home soon-winds being too piercing for him. We went over by the red houses and did trifling business there and came down to dinner. Warren Sibley came along with Hopkins in the waggon- The latter P.M. went on foot with leather to James Harwood's to be- speak a pair of coarse boots for himself-to be had middle of "Next Week." Fence put up against W.side C's orchard- Manure spread & pounded fine in N.meadow. Cous'n Marg't started in stage for Williamstown this morning-had rec'd fine visit from her. Rec'd load

spruce scantling from Mr.Adams-Sarah Bryant's husband-about 900 feet to be credited to Benj.R.Sears-Sawed at the Blackmer Shirkshire Mill. Mr. Wight introduced me to his brother Spencer-recently from Long Island,N.Y. now on a visiting tour-awaiting his wife's arrival from Sunderland,Vt. Jacksonism & V.B.-ism rec'd no quarter here in the eveg. Henry Warren came over & rec'd a quantity of butter & cheese on a/c as pr day book- He undertook to defend the parties just mentioned. succeeded but poorly.

SATURDAY,APRIL 25. Very snowy great part of the day from S.W.-all the good prospect there seemed to be was that the season would favor the grass crop.Merc.28 1/2°-34°-34°-noon-36°-night. It was calculated upon to sow plaster,but snow & wind prevailing too strong,was given over-stones were picked off the ground whereon wint.wheat was grown the year past- See September 1833-July 1834-. Henry Warren was thus employed until noon-making out 1/2 days work- Stebbins D.Walbridge came upat noon in 1 h.waggon-dined with us- had a cheese weighed to him of 38 lbs at 8-1/2 cs-tow'd which he paid 25cs-balance to be paid at Patchin's or Blackmer's within 2 or 3 weeks-Viewed cows-about which appeared to possess good judgment-pronouncedas well off for hay comparatively speaking -many-himself inclusive-farmers about out of the article-Dan'l Rogers,one of the principal wool growers of the town of Hoosick,N.Y.-had used up all his hay-lost about 40 lambs out of 600 a greater proportion than he had lost during the last 5 years. The molasses hhd.was unheaded-whence were taken 9 lbs molasses & 38 lbs sugar-much of the latter article yet remaining. Fragments of the old rock were transported down the lane for fence-Messrs Spencer & J A Wight visited the Court House Street-and among otherwonders heard Col.Merrill & Col.M.Norton on Politicks & Religion. Anson Wood,one of the Select

1835 Bennington April 26,1835 men of the town called on me for my Highway Bill of 1834-which was duly handed over after the rates were,such as deserved it,crossed out. Mr W. said he was going to dairying with 16 cows the pres't season. Some of said cows were only 3 yrs olds. Mr.S.Wight conversed much in the evening with father on Benning'Vt Battle Hubbardton Battle & other Revolutionary events. We were highly pleased with Mr W's remarks on persons & things he had seen in Kentucky a nd otherparts of the U.S. which he had visited.

SUNDAY,APRIL 26. Chilly,hazy,dull-some cldy-snow plentifully distributed about the mountains. Merc.35°-45°- noon-45°-night-wind-say mostly N. Late in the morning Mr.S.Wight took leave of his brother & us-the former went some little distance with him on his way to Pownal where he expected to meet his lady & 2 children at his brother-in-law Whipple's-Inn Keeper- If time permits- may write more concerning this gentleman-Saw handsome

pockets Maps of Ohio,Michigan &c which he carried with him. Geo.P.,J.A.Wight,Hopk's & Adeline went to meetg.

MONDAY,APRIL 27. Hazy-mild-softening down to Spring-white frost in the morning- Merc.28°-61°-51°- Vegetation not unusually backward-Wind N.E. & S.E.-Sowing plaster was the order of the day-Mr.Wight assisted. Father attended to putting up fences. Mrs Wrisley was employed at washing. Adeline at sweeping parade-Paid Deac.Winslow for his 2 hoes 17 1/2 lbs cheese at 8 1/2,-coming within a fraction of $1.50-which was made out in money. The Deacon told me he had once been in easy circumstances, but at the close of the War 1815 his luck turned & in a few short years found himself $700 worse than nothing-however-had paid up the whole of it,and was yet able to procure a comfortable living. It was in or near Greenfield,Ms,that he resided in time of his troubles. The plaster was mainly sown on the E.part of the Night Pasture No.2-above S.meadow-that part of the Daily Pasture adjoining-and the great S.pasture-W. of a certain elm standing by itself on a beautifully clayey flat some 15 rods N.of the Nort.Line. Geo.P.butchered 2 calves on Saturday-aged 7 days apiece-offspring of the brown cow bo't of Deac.Dimick 1833- & of that which we had of Richmond Brownell-through the hands of Gardner-seemed quite promising as a young creature. These made us up 26 cows now in use. See Feb 23-.

TUESDAY,APRIL 28 Came on a great storm of wind, rain & snow which with few intervals lasted through the day. The wind blew most violently during the fore part of the day-mainly from N.E.-hardly ever known to be more furious-gradually became more calm,but there were frequent and heavy gusts sent up to a late hour in the evening. Little else could be done than taking all proper care of our stock-so far as we were able. The whole were kept bowed up during the day-excepting the time of wheying the milkers & giving opportunity to the others to drink. Besides seeing to these concerns-Hopk's along with George (the latter I was going to name first,but was prevented by a slip of the pen) visited the premises of S.H.Brown-to make some inquiry resepcting their flock some individuals of which had straggled into out mowing grounds-but in the midst of a storm like the present,not much solicitude was manifested by our friends respecting those poor animals. Besides giving attention to the usual avocations-prepared accounts for settlement with S H Brown-with whom none on his personal a/c had been made since Jany.3,1833. Did not finish this business-had to let it go over to another day. The cheese of Apr.26 weighed 47 lbs to 26 cows- Read in the Spect. of the 9t the early proceedings of Parliament,but did not examine the subject minutely- turned my thoughts some to the first & 2d No's.of the Brit.Spect. and also to the Abridged Hist.of England- Execution of Chas.1st,Protectrate of Crown and the Dutch Naval War &

Let me report the state of the thermometer as far as observed by me-26°-38°-34°- P.M' seemed mostly kept down to the numberlast designated.

WEDNESDAY,APRIL 29 Pretty calm,tolerably warm-broken flying clds-wd N.Mountains & high grounds covered with snow,which on the G M's kept almost entire during the day. Merc.36°-43°-48°-53°-44°-late eveg.

Clearing new mowing ground N.W. the barns of stones was the order of the day assisted by J.A.Wight who previous to joining company compleated sowing plaster in the neighborh'd of "The Grove"-See Apr 4 & 25-1834- & 27-1835. Hopk's was sent E.on business getting mare shod & returned with sack salt & 16 lbs coffee from O & A Arnold accomp'd by bill-the forme r at 15/o-the latter at 15 cs- Tot.$4.28 Sent the same youth afterwards to the Post Office- where he bro't letter from James Harwood,Parkman Ohio, & from Hiram Herrington-Hoos.Falls,N.Y. former addressed to G.P. & self-in relation to various concerns-which I may name perhaps when more at leisure-latter respecting price of cheese- Mrs Olin's of Shaftsbury was old and had been purchased for $7.50-mine being late made could be worth no more. So according to this statement-the prudent course would be to keep clear of H.Falls as a place for selling cheese. Compleated making a bill of acc's against S.H.Brown-amounting to $20.43-exclusive of use of old cutter pr Webb-pedling-Winter of L833- His credits could make it come up only to $14.00-

The aforesd letters were dated 18th & 20th inst-Lists for 1835 sent in by Hopkins-

THURSDAY,APRIL 30. Mainly temperate-cldy-sometimes clear-sometime hazy-too many chilling blasts from the N. to exactly suit our desires-still we fancied the grass grew very tardily-Snow gradually disappeared on mountains-a great deal however remained over for another day's sun- Merc. 34°-65°-54°- 49°- The work mentioned on the 29th was contin'd.P.M. by Hopk's & Self on the grd below the new night pasture-against S.H.B's Fay Lot where oats grew-1834- Father wanted to be with us-but his toe became so troublesome he could not-had to retire & examine the Democratic Columns of the Vt.Gazette. Geo.plowed a part of the grd situated low a few rods from the house-occupied with corn last year-found much ice in the mucky department in the S.meadow.Hay on hand estimated at 5 tons of which 4 was stored in the N.W. quarter of the upper story of the new barn-Cob meal sufficient to last,at 3 pints pr head daily, up to May 9 or 10-remained on hand-

1835 Bennington,May 1,1835

Apl 30 Bro't Over During the late gale the remnate of the Chatfield Bark house was much displaced,but escaped being blown quite down. Much damage was done to fences,trees,buildings,&c. Mr.Wight this morning presented me with a neat little copy of Moore's Irish Melodies-for which I returned

sincere thanks. He went up street and returned with a late N.Y.Sepct.in which much was said on Eng.Ministry- Defending the Administration of Sir Robt Peel. Our sister Diadamia & children were here on a visit- Hopk's waited upon them home.

FRIDAY,MAY 1- Rained early-remained cldy sometime-something like clear a part of the P.M.hazy & cldy late in the day.Merc.40°-56°-50°-season most unusually late-grass had scarcely begun to shew itself-no leaves out- Buds,generally speaking,but little swollen-Pastures & meadows white as if Winter had not yet left us-In many situations great quantities of frost remained a little below the surface of the earth. A great many respectable farmers were out of hay & had to go to Hoosick to buy at $10.pr Ton. Winter grain on the ground appeared promising. Rail fence on the S.H.Brown line against the Fay farm-joining the 5 acre lot-was well repaired- Fence on Nort.line also fix'd over- E.section P.M.visited town-prncipally at F.Blackmer's store- M & SSScott & another young fellow were present a part of the time. S.H.Blackmer came in & said some pretty queer things respecting politicks,young gentlemen & ladies which made those beaux laugh heartily-One or 2 of S S Scott's daughters I believe had some business at the store in the course of my stay. Enclosed ina line to S L Godfrey Jun'r which was submitted to the perusal of S.S.Scott-and left in his care- $5 in full for transportation of plaster-expressed a wish to see him on business- Maj.A Robinson was likewise among others at the store-Visited the Post Office without finding a letter- Called at Sanford & Brown's saw E.Fillmore Esqr., who told me our sick colt was getting well-He mentioned the great snow storm of the 2d or 3d March 1804-the very backward season which followed it-did not sow any grain on his place until the 9th of May- At this store they appeared to be busy in placing away new goods-Returned again to F.B's -played the flute-saw H.Waters. Went over to Dr.N. Swift's-enquired respecting the health of Ed.H- said he was rather improving-The Doct felt very low spirited in regard to his cattle-nearly out of hay- Borrowed in the usual way-the 16th Vol.of Cyclopaedia. Much entertained in the evening reading "Life of David Garrick"- Coming home had the pleasure of Mrs Brown's company from Mr.Sanford's to her house-seated in our old wagg- Mr.J.Ambrose Wright left for Williams College this morning-Told him I should ever recollect the "Melodies"- Invited him when tired of study to come up again-he answered that he never meant to be tired of study-not I presume meaning that he would never visit us more-During his short stay had appeared to enjoy himself pretty rationally-reading the Old Spect and other books that fell in his way-Conversed very agreeably on subjects familiar to us- more especially Eng.History-to which it is true I have been greatly estranged a few years past- Mrs Experience Schemerhorn left with us her daughter Charlotte while she was gone to the Springs a few days.

Quantity of cheese during the month of April amounted to lbs 1154.

SATURDAY,MAY 2d. Hazy-cldy-sun dimly in sight most of the day. Very high chilly wind from N.W.,apparently sweeping destruction to vegetation. Merc.37 3/4°- 56°-51°- Repairing fences the order of the day- on line against the old Riley place-Rail fence N. of the "Grove". Several pairs of bars properly erected- Father went to Shaftsbury with 24 calf skins which he left with Hiram Barton to tan at 37 1/2 cs a piece-if blacked- & if dressed for pocket books 25 cs. In my line to him requested that 4 of the lightest should be dressed in the latter mode. On his way home made calls at capt. P.Harwood's and at uncle Sam'l Robinson's- Hay gone at both places-at the former they had sent to Hoosick to procure the article at $10 pr ton. Hopk's went up street & got 1 1/2 lbs figs at 1/o at L.P &Co's The calfskins,all excepting 2 being dry-weighed this morng. 82 lbs

SUNDAY,MAY 3. Dimly fair-very discouraging breeze from N.W. Merc.32°-62°-56°- prospect gloomy in the extreme. Turned out 4 dry cows into the woods- enjoyed the day very pleasantly reading the Spectator of Old and the Cyclopaedia- chief article-the Fredericks of Prussia- of whom F the Grt. cut far the greatest figure in history-and his character had some very prominent blemishes in it. Hiram Waters with his friend Russell Judd made us a short call-not long afterwards father was taken with violent pain in his left side-attended with chills and some difficulty of breathing-soaked his feet in warm water,drank a dose of sage tea-seemed to be ina measure relieved-went to bed-took a nap-awoke in a good deal of uneasiness-made strange replies to questions put to him- tow'd evening sent for Doct. H.Swift to see what he would prescribe-after his arrival he immediately bled him and gave him a sort of mecurial pills of some hard name which I don't care to spell-Suffice it to say that it all worked well- in all probability prevented a course of fever-the attack was sudden & very violent-pleurisy in left side.

MONDAY,MAY 4 Cloudy-very strong S. wind- ended in rain late P.M. Grass seemed faintly gaining- Nature assumed more of her natural features at this time than she had done since the opening of Spring-Merc. 46°-56°-46°- ot thereabouts A part of the garden was ploughed-with the old mare. Oats sown in Clark's orch'd-harrowed over only once by Hopkins-the same youth practiced on his small flute -rec'd by the hand of F.Blackmer who purchased it in N.Y. at $1.75 Bills prepared to send to Troy by S.L. Godfrey,Jun'r-for salt,nails,hoop iron &c- Father getting better-side pretty sore-Dr.H.Swift paid him a visit this morng. Boys up street-evening-returned with a pamphlet of Post Office Doc's.pr H.Hall Esqr.

for which I am much obliged to him. Butcherg mentioned on the 5th should have been set to the 4t. The hay mow mentioned on the 8th ult lasted up to this evening. Look at Ap.30.

TUESDAY,MAY 5. Rained lightly awhile in the morning-thickly cldy most of the day-clds dragged the heights of mountains-weather seemed to favor the growth of grass-Forest trees remained leafless- Merc. 45°- 52°- or 53°- 48°-
Sleds housed in the gang way of the horse stable- W end of the old barn.

1835 Bennington,May 6,1835 Garden manured & ploughed-Leach cask discharged of old ,filled with new ashes ready for soap boiling- Savage cow's calf killed at 7 days old-skin & rennet saved- Boys up street again in the evening-conveying line to S.L. Godfrey's Jun & $6 in money including an order on Arnold's for 13 bhls coarse & two sacks fine salt- Instructed to buy $4's worth nails of Hedges- Lansingburgh - $1's worth hoop iron,Eng,with a specification of the sizes wanted-also 12 or 13 ft 1/2 inch round iron. Adeline rode up too-Ladies cleaned house in part. Cheese of May 3d weighed 47 lbs-26 cows. Sold to E.Lyon Esqr., 104 lbs cheese made last Fall at 8 cs-rec'd $8.32 in full- We did not exactly agree in our recollection of the price mentioned by me as I saw him on the 16t ult.,near the State Arms House- I supposed it was o/6 & he was very sure it was 8 cs-therefore let it go at that .
Father endured much uneasiness on account of confinement-could walk about well enough-some feverish-appetite but indifferent- (Mistake respecting the calf it was killed on the 4t.)

WED. MAY 6th. Rained copiously 3 or 4 hours in the morning- real grass growing rain- Came up from the S. Past noon clds mostly blew off to the S- rather dimly clear- with the wind strong & high from N.W. Merc. 48°- 60°- 52°- It was observed by some that lightning was noticed on the evening of the 5th inst. After it became sufficiently fair-fencing on the N.W. section of the farm was repaired. P.M. seeds of melons & cucumbers-beans,pole beans, peas & potatoes were planted in the garden- Ladies continued cleaning house. Hopkins was sent in the rain for Dr.H.Swift- he came & prescribed for my father in the best manner he could-talked of Revolutionary days- The latter had rather a hard day of it. Died last Sunday- Miss Deliverance Squires- in her 75th year at Gov.Tichenor's where she had resided between 50 & 60 years.
It was resolved to give the cows a larger supply of hay during the remainder of the season of foddering. Sent by Hopkins ears of corn & salt to the 4 cows in the wood this mg.

THURSDAY,MAY 7 Chilly,broken clds- strong gust N.wind-kept playing until about

3 P.M. soon after which it arose pretty smartly from S.W. cldy-storm seemed to be rising- too cold to promote the progress of vegetation at any desirable rate- Merc. 38°- 48°- only a short time- 52°- at sunset. About 8 qts hay seed sown on Clark's orch'd as usually called-trees of which were felled Dec. '33 & Jany '34- planted there in the Spring of 1783- Sown with oats last year & this- Ground E.of the cheese house ploughed in part-afternoon-Hopkins was employed in harrowing final as above mentioned- Apple tree brush on ground last named-mainly gathered together & burnt- unfinished business in the garden attended to- Dr.H.Swift came to visit father- presumed him to be getting better-I mean we so presumed-but he felt impatient & uneasy. The Charles Brown cow bo't Sept-1824-became the dam of a pair of lively well shaped twin calves in her old age.being 15 years old the pres't Spring. The ladies continued the business of the 5th & 6th- Bedsteads included.

FRIDAY,MAY 8. Cold-backward-unpropritious weather considerably rainy until past noon- stiff breeze from N. driving over head vast masses of cloud-P.M. seemed to fair away in some degree-but at best it was a negative Spring day- Merc. 42°-40°-50°- 42°- The patch E.of the cheese house finished off ploughing-the old N.orchard partially cleared of appletree brush-two cart loads conveyed to Wrisley's- It was really matter of curiosity to see how the cattle had eaten up that brush- we could have hardly believed beforehand that they would have bitten off ends so very large- We supposed the browse so obtained afforded them as much food as if they had consumed ½ ton of hay- Hopkins was sent to Doolittle's mill with 1 bhl rye & 1/2 do corn-James Harwood miller-his boots untouched- Ja's purposes getting his father to make them.H returned from the mill and afterwards conveyed home his aunt Diadamia & children who were bro't down early part of the- paid us a very agreeable visit- Father,this morning felt very impatient-no better- had been extremely restless all night-fever ran pretty high-dreadful pain-in the head-lost almost all confidence in his physician-talked of sending for both the Swifts &c&c but finally we persuaded him to wait awhile first ,to see if he would not feel better by & by- Dr.H.Swift came as was expected-conversed pretty freely on a variety of topics prescribing as he conceived best-all went on about right-felt some easier at night- The Dr.reported that flour was up to $7 pr bbl in Troy,N.Y. Cheese of 6th inst weighed but lbs 43,to 27 cows- The cow called Littel Breese was blessed with a fine large calf this 8th May-making the number of milkers up to 29-See old cheese records 1832,1833,1834.

SATURDAY,MAY 9 Frozen & frosty in the morning- plowed land retained the frost until past 9 A.M. It was fair until past noon with

that kind of dimness so peculiar to the sun the present season. P.M. clouds arose more or less just as it happened- Meadows & pastures-particularly the former-offered the most discouraging prospect- The drought of last year which occasioned their being fed down very low-and the operation of a long cold-tedious open winter- caused an appearance of desolation in them at this time rarely ever witnessed by the oldest persons among us- Currant shrubs had barely commenced opening their buds-or unfolding their leaves at the extreme ends of the fairest branches. Vegetation of every kind remand at a remarkably low ebb- Merc. reduced almost to 26°-in the mg-55°-57$_{\wedge}$-50$_{\wedge}$- Gardening clearing of app.tree brush & sowing oats made up the chief business- Hopkins with his friend Warren Sibley gathered up the brush & drove it to Wrisley's- they afterwards managed at harrowing & rolling the ground whereon oats were sown- I seeded the same something over an acre- E.section of what was planted,1834 with corn-bordered N. by the brook-S.by ditch) with nearly 6 qts grass seed- Had the oats of E.Fay Jun-of which Geo.sowed two bushels- The W.section corn ground yet remained untouched- Dr.H.Swift visited father late in the day,administered to him salts which operated afterwards powerfully. The ladies seems to have accomplished most of their house cleaning & rec'd Mrs Wrisley- for company P.M.

1835 Bennington,May 10,1835 Evening of the 9th after parting with an old stiff beard of 7 or 8 days growth-perused several amusing nOs of the Old Britich Spectator which,as usual, yielded me much delight & instruction- Sat up late waiting upon my father- At one period of this day-as may be understood from what is set down respecting meads & pastures-I rambled over part of the grounds of the latter-which by no means inspired me with any very lofty ideas of future gains & profits-at the same time could see that if time & favorable weather could be waited upon-sustenance enough for our herd must inevitably be produced. Neighbor Brown employed hands in erecting fence on his John Norton line--There was built many years since a half wall there which they now raised to whole wall-it was past N's N.W. corner-or rather they started it from that corner tow'd the S. Late this evening a fire appeared in E.Village the subject of which proved to be a small two story building formerly occupied by Billings Pratt as a grocery-lately sold by J.Norton to Mr. Demon who removed it down Street to a spot a little N.of the Tannery recently occupied by Turner Hills & Co. The bells were set a ringing-the people gathered together but I do not understand that much damage,additional, ensued. Father required my services to a late hour in the night-on acct of severe ~~pain~~ operation of medicine. On the 8th the 29th cow came in-Little Breese-having fine calf.

SUNDAY,MAY 10 Dim fair day-Chilling N.W.wind. Merc.40°-60$_{\wedge}$-50°- or 51°- As much

time as could be spared a part from necessary avocations & making up lost sleep was devoted to the perusal of some pleasing articles in the Cyclopaedia- & perhaps some in the British, as well as the N.Y. Spectator- O the silly followers of the iron hearted Matthias-they really deserved the treatment from him which they rec'd except in poor Peerson's case- However weak mankind may be in matters of faith-such rogues as Mat-ought to be taken up & punished severely for their conduct, by the proper authorities. Received visits from H.Waters, Dr.H.Swift, Sam H.Brown-Wrisley & Gibson-B.R.Sears & wife- Geo & Adeline were at church- Mr.Hooker deliv'd a discourse on Adultery.

MONDAY, MAY 11. The most Spring day since the forepart of April-and it closed with the theromometer at 61°- wind at the same time blowing up mildly from the S- there were many appearances of approaching rain- sky had not been exactly clear at no time of the day & during the course of it many clouds were observed floating in the atmosphere- Merc. 35°-64°-65°-61°- Maples were putting out rapidly toads were, as I should call it, singing-frogs tuning up their pipes at night- Ploughing a patch in the S. mead- by the Little Oak, by me chiefly, & gardening by Geo. & Hopkins- made up the main employments of the day. Mathew Huntington in a very good natured kind of a way-bo't 6 cheeses-selected-weighed 288 lbs which at 8 cs amounted to $23.04-paid down- Shipped the same on board his one h.waggod & was away- Was going with his prize to Troy-but not directly from this our old mansion- Father seemed in a way to get better-considered himself well taken care of by mother & Lydia- Dr.H.Swift came to see in the eveg. spoke encouraging to him-Described his visit to Mount Vernon- the seat of the late President Washington, which he represented as to give me but a sorry notion of it & finally of all the country around and indeed he went on giving an account of Washington City-the country attached to it & situated between it & the City of Baltimore-in such terms as made me heartily disgusted with it- I covet neither negros, nor huts, nor their low swampy, woody lands. Geo. & Hopks went toFB's store -on to C.H.hill-heard of hands to be hired-one of whom, a young man, at Bailey's whose terms for working at farming 1/2 month -at $7 1/2. They return'd with 53 lbs Hedges nails & the quantity of hoop iron sent for by S.L.Godfrey Jun. 1/2 inch round iron inclusive. See May 5- Semanth cow made up the 30th cow now on the list. This morning Eli Carpenter Jun'r came past our dwelling-being in readiness for return to his father's in Clarendon-another young fellow assisted him in carrying his travelling trunk up street-so as to take passage in the M.Stage- Saw us whey our cows-Conversed some respecting his father & the family in general-all doing well-occupying a much better farm then they left here- Told him to inform his father that he must call on us next visit he might make in Bennington. Engaged him to endeavor to

look up a good girl for us-said he would- Would expect her to come down in the stage.
Barn Swallows were said to have been observed flying about 3 or 4 days previous to this date. On Sunday evening read Mr. Clayton's Baloon Voyage-from Cincinnati to the Allegany Mountains or their neighborhood. About 350 miles in 9 hours-Apl.18.

TUESDAY,MAY L". Warm weather continued-unclouded sun most of the time-but at no time free from the yellow brassy tint-so much noticed of late.Merc. before sunrise stood at 51° fell afterwards to 48°-soon rose up to 60°-then 64°to 68°- 61° or 62° at sunset. Furrowing,harrowing & some corn planting were branches that werd severally carried on. Poor Mr. Huntington came to see if he had not left a plow point which he had with him yesterday-could find nothing of it ! But in sober earnest he came to buy another grist of cheese which as he had not previously bargained for it,he supposed some cunning manoeuvre must be played of to secure,made that his excuse for calling- fearing to come openly & boldly, like a man, lest suspicion should be roused in me that the price ought to be higher-some slight wiggling was manifested tpw'd beating me down a leetle mite in price,but it was all of no use. The cheese was selected as if every one would be the last,until the No. amounted to nine-and the total in pounds to 552-all of which he paid for at 8 cs-$44.16. Went so far in the way of accomodation as to weigh every cheese separately he naking the weight thereon-lent him also 1 cask for safe conveyance of the same-to be replaced by another of equal value- Cousin Geo. gave assistance in casking & loading it- His little son Charles-5 years old-came with him. My lady & daughter P.M. rode away to purchase goods-visited stores of Deac.S.Hinsdill & L.Patchin &Co. Particulars can't state- at the latter house bo't full piece of cotton cloth,booked at 13 1/2 cs pr yd- Got some plated table spoons &c &c-paid out $4.35 money to L.P.& Co & to Hinsdill $1.74 . DR. E.Swift came down early in the evening to see father- seemed to consider him doing well. The Doane cow was brought home from the woods-her calf had such tender feet that he could not travel so G & Hops.with the old mare drew it home on stone boat.

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WEDNESDAY,MAY 13 Commenced cold-the wind blew up fresh from N.W.air uncomfortably cool until past noon after which became pretty mild-much more,as we conceived,it should be.Very few-if any clouds to be seen-sun appeared rather brassy-Mercury 35°-57° at noon-61° at 4 P.M.48° at sunset. Bob o'Lincolns first appearance-according to our observation-Swallows were said to have arrived on Sunday last. Planting corn E.of cheese house finished-corn rolled in plaster,& about a tablespoonful of the same deposited in every hill-Harrowing ground for

planting done-2 bhls & peck oats sown on W.division of corn land-improved 1834-little white oak standing thereon- 5 qts or more hay seed also added-well harrowed over & rolled down- Geo.& Hopk's visited the Street-engaged services of Mr.Mathews half a month-at $7.50-got letter at the Post Office from my old friend Caleb Brown Esqr,dated on the 9th inst. offering 7 1/2 cs per lb for our cheese- Gping to N.Y. Wednesday or Thursday next-that is this day or tomorrow-To be more particular-made two offers-to take it at the same price paid last Fall-or at that just named above,if it had not been froze & pay usual price for casks-might send it to Troy myself,or on my writing,which he begged I would do soon,would send on a team. Request shall be granted. M.Cobb made a short call. Francis Clow-blind man & boy put up for the night-from(Greenville)Green Co.N.Y. Dr.H.Swift paid visit late in the day-placed a blister on my father's forehead- mother felt opposed to it-thinking it would do more mischief than good. I endeavored to cheer him up as well as I could talking of our affairs &c &c- He informed,us that 50 years ago this day the weather was remarkably cold-some flakes of snow flying-a circumstance new to my grandfather at that time-never remembered seeing the like before- He was a Massachusetts man-born at Concord July-1735-afterwards resided at Hardwick-next at Amherst- thence removed to Bennington-June 1761-Adeline,having business at H.Waters bo't bill of goods at F.Blackmer's on cr- of $1.02"

THURSDAY,MAY 14. Cloudy,chilly moderately rainy-with intervals of no rain-Grass grows-Merc. varied from 39° to 43°-nothing of great importance going on. Two iron hoops were prepared by Geo.P. & driven on to the water cask- Fences put in order against the time of turning cows away to pasture. Wrote a letter to C.Brown Esqr,thanking him for his offeron cheese- presuming it to be as high as he could bid-as the N.Y. market now stood. Informed him in what manner our cheese had been disposed of-how much remained unsold. To meet the hint contained in his letter respecting frozen cheese-assured him if I were to sell cheese to him or any other gentleman,would not put up a single pound, knowing it not to be good. Desired him to suggest to us any improvement he might deem proper in our dairying-for which we should be very thankful & would act up to it to the best of our know-how. The remainder of the letter related to the lateness of the season- sadness of prospect- diminutionof quantity of cheese made the present year- number-expensive feeding & otherparticulars of cows- Requested him to reply by giving some general account of the Dairying interests in the District in which he had done business. Complimented his lady & family- Requested to have it sent on to N.Y.,if he were gone there-as he seemed think of starting for there place on the 13th or 14". Wrote also a line directed to

Richmond Brownell,Pownal-left at F.Blackmer's-acknowledging with a compliment buying of him in Feb. last two apparently good cows at high prices. But the Buck cow-I went on to state-proved a hard bargain indeed-for instead of coming in on the First of May-or rather as he encouraged us to expect,on the last of April-appearances would not warrant such expectation-earlier,if so soon,as the first of July-Presumed him to be an honorable man,without intent to decieve me ,and if I should not receive a line or visit from him soon with an offer of doing the manly part-must-greatly against my inclination,adopt the opinion that he had deceived me-wilfully. The foregoing is not rendered verbatim-but conveyes the same sense. How much good it may do time only can determine. Turn back to Feby.23. Before finishing this business,was called on by an Irishman of fair manly appearance,ruddy cheek,strong limbs,who wanted employment-sent hither by a merchant up Street- Informed him we had procured a hand. He had lived sometime on Grand Isle,L.Champlain-left first of last Ap'l. Snow 2 feet deep-came to Hoosick Falls where he had resided until very recently-originally emigrated from the N. of Ireland-could neither read nor write-28 years of age- thought some of attempting to learn those arts yet-married too- & enquired for a place for his wife. No children-earned 9/o Yk pr wk. Said his name was Failim Lee. Lyman Strong came up & contracted for 2 or 3 young calves-occupied the Merritt Green Place-alias-old Lawrence Farm-N.part. Sink pipe got stopped-made trial to unstop it,but without success. Dr.H.Swift came to see father late in the day-by whom sent on letter to C.Brown to P O

FRIDAY,MAY 15. Cold mg. snow on mountains-rainy in slight degree-brisk wd.from NW 38°-48°-46°-40°- Geo.& team were in the service of Henry Warren-2/3 of the day-getting off stone & plowg. garden-to receive the labor of Warren in payment. Tan Brook meadow plastered-potatoes planted around a part of the little cornfield E. of the cheese house-by self & hopkins. Cousin N.L.Robinson came down late in the day for butter of which bo't 7 lbs-price 7/o. Father cobversed very earnestly with him on business relating to himself & parents- His views were good but impossible to be complied with. The die was cast-no going back- Mrs Waters & children were entertained as visitors. Cheese of May 13-42 lbs to 27 cows !

SATURDAY,MAY 16. Cold-wet-great rain-snowd on mountains-grass growg. weath'r. Merc. 38° until nearly noon-44° perhaps up to 46°-44° sunset. Not much business otherthan feeding and properly managing stock at the barn. It had been our intention to turn the cows off to pasture,but this cold storm caused us to put it over to another day. Mr.Strong took away 2 calves with him-9 & 8 days old-Offspring of cows named "Charles" & Litt.Breese"- at $1 pr head-charged to a/c-to be paid when convenient.

Geo.butcheded 3 others-leaving us now 31 cows on the milking list. The very fine cow called Rockwood was blessed with a noble male calf this morning-which was bargained to B.Strong - this one off-would leave us 32 hd milkers. Dr.H.Swift came on a medical errand in the morning-said much on politicks as usual. Rhode Island not Jackson- though that party had carried the Gov'r- felt as if Van B. would not gain the Presidency. Obtained some little time to read a favorite Article in Reas' Cyclopaedia. Respecting some of the stock- see May 7.

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SUNDAY,MAY 17. Flying clds-rather broken-as usual after a storm-some pretty heavy gusts of N.W. wind- a part of the time chilly. Merc. 45°-48°-64°-62°- After feeding the cows with hay- serving them with whey & meal in the usual way & salting them preparatory to a change of diet- introduced the poor animals to their Summer Pasture once more- We had stabled & foddered our stock regularly 2 days over six months- Very few instances had occurred of feeding any of them over night out of the stables or in some way housed. They went to pasture kicking up their heels,running their horns into the ground and playing all manner of pranks-apparently overjoyed at obtaining their liberty again. Generally speaking they were in excellent condition. Three had remained in the woods. Estimated the quantity of hay left at little more than a half ton-in the N.W. quarter of the E. barn,of cob meal perhaps there might have been 3 or 4 bhls. See Mch 3d & 31. Apl 8,18,21,30, May 1 & 4. Read parts of Trials of Matthias & Lawrence-whose cases were,no doubt, decided rightly. Saw other articles in the papers- Looked in Cyclopaedia- the Odyssey to- Conversed with father respecting the first settlers of Bennington-whose first Town meeting or more properly Proprietor's meeting was holden somewhere in the neighborhood of the W.end of the E.Village,March 25 wed. 1761-same day of the week as it came on the present year. Rec'd visits severally from Dr.H.Swift, H. Waters-Mrs Wrisley, & must not forget cousin L.B.Dewey Geo. & Adeline went to church & heard preaching by the celebrated Dr. Woods- Principal of Theological Seminary-Andover-Ms. Father appeared to be getting better slowly-ate a meal of greens that pleased him much.

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MONDAY,MAY 18, Fine & fair-some few clds-some few heavy gusts N.W. wd. Merc. 45°-64°-68°-72°-62°- at sunset. Carting manure the order of the day-19 cart lds carted off-20 loaded. Geo.& Hopk's carters- Self & Mr. Mathews loaders-the latter beginning his half month's service at the rate of $15 pr m. Related to me his pedling,bookkeeping, horse breakinge horse managing,bar keeping,law suiting kind of life. Lawyer Southworth made morning & evening calls as he went over to & returned from the Col. Brownell Place.Pownal. At the conclusion of the day made a regular verbal Report to my father of the busi-

ness of the day- Cows do'g w'l- Hopk's friend Warren Sibley was with him-during P.M. W.S.Southworth supped with us- Hay cheese of May 16-weighed but 44 lbs. On the 15th inst.rec'd a load of Hemlock boards- 535 feet pr Mr.Adams,which were credited to B.R.Sears.

TUESDAY,MAY 19 Unusually warm-Smoky,cldy,latter part of the day-wind variable but should say mostly from the S- 9 at night came up fresh from N.(Merch) Merc.46° in the mg.soon arose to 56°-60°- a few moments at 86°past 1 P.M. remained some time at 84°- then at 80°-76°-sunset,& half pas t 8 eveg-stood at 76°- Order of the day the same- Sink pipe so far cleared as to admit water thro' it- wood yard prepared,by carrying off posts,rotten rails, in part for ploughing- Hopkins worked well at shoveling manure. Father walked out in the yards a little,as for 2 or days previously,he had done. Leaves coming out rapidly-A part of the milk was set in pans at night to which I dissented.

WEDNESDAY,MAY 20. Fine summer like-vegetation shooting upward with the most wondeful luxuriance-beauty of pasturage increasing every moment-Not fair-still there was much sunshine-some smoke & a good many clouds-wind-mainly N. Merc-70°-81°-68°- Business of Monday brought to a happy termination-making in full 55 lds good manure deposited on ground a part of which is attempted to be described-Nov 3rd & 5th 1834- The remainder shall in a manner be pointed out on another day- Rec'd near close of the day the load of salt ordered on the 5th inst. for S.L.Godfrey,Jun-accomp'd by bill. T L salt 4/o Yk-$3.50-seven bbls-the other kind-5 bbls 3/6-$2.19- Two sacks $4.00-1/2 doz brooms-Shaker-2/0 (lawful)-$2. Total $11.69. Sent Hiram Wrisley down to E.Village with 1 dollar in money enclosed in billet to Mr. Peck,the butcher.-to have him receive pay for meat sent us Apl 4th & for what he might send by the bearer-mention being made-of the illness of my father & his beginning to have an appetite- Sent on 5 lbs veal-receipted bill in full for now & the former date, & returned 22 cs in money. Geo.P. Mr. Mathews & Hopkins rode up street in the evening & returned with news,in an indirect way, of the death of my eldest uncle,C.Harwood,of West Rutland,Vt-aged,74 in May last,& if he survived the 4th day of the prest.inst.-75- Our friend Wrisley was again in his cups- wife & children fled hither for protection. Mr.L.Strong came over & rec'd the fine Rockwood cow's superb looking calf-Making up a bill of $3 against him for young calves.

THURSDAY,MAY 21. Cool- chilling N.wind-clouds smoothed over for rain-but there came a mere sprinkling-P.M. became fair & warm- Merc. 54°-52°-62°-52°- The patch mentioned Nov.21 on which had been placed 20 lds meanure-was well harrowed over-manure first having been spr'd- Stones were

picked off new ground at the S.W. quarter of the S. meadow-but the business was left unfinished to go to the raising of H.Waters' house- Geo.P. & our friend Mathews attended there. Mr.Wrisley having fully resolved to quit his wife-as she had resolved,with the children remaining at home,to do so by him, gave me his verbal order to go to his house,collect & bring away all the household furniture conveyed to his wife by bond signed & deliv'd into my hands on the 9th M March last- So accordingly-taking oxen & cart-went down to the old Street-alias-Chatfield house and being assisted by his wife and my daughter & some by my wife,& a little by neighbor Gibson brought off what we could find-Mrs W. missed several articles which her husband had put off. When he came up to see me respecting this business I was picking up stones in company with Mathews in the meadow as stated above. Besides telling me to get away these things &c,he made bitter complaint against his wife- how, among other acts of misbehavior,she neglected mendg his clothes &c- I was pretty free in my remarks on rum drinking & its evil tendency,regretting much that he should so far give himself over to it as to end in the dissolution of his family- Mathews then had something to offer by alluding to conversation he heard up street last evening manifesting an intention of using tar & feathers on some person, he did not recollect whom,because it was understood he had misused his wife- Mr. W. said at once he presumed they went himself & thereupon flew into a passion-saying to Mathews,that any man who would

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be seen picking up stones wearing a white (fur) hat and gloves must be a d-d fool and some more stuff to the same purpose-much to the amusement of the persons to whom it was directed - We were sensible that the man was intoxicated or he never would have used such language- Seemed fully determined on breaking up housekeeping for good- left us muttering oaths as big as a Devil. This P.M. father rec'd a very friendly & most welcome call from our old friend & former neighbor- Moses Fassett of Dunham,L.Canada-had been from home ever since the first week in Feby-family all in usual health at that time- Reported the same of Mr. C.Safford abd other Bennington people in Enosburgh & vicinity. C.J.Bowdish who 18 or 20 or more years since was married to Miss Ruth Smith-getting rich rapidly- Both of them were the schoolfellows of my youthful days. Ichiel Barnum Mr.F. informed us,had a son practicing physic in the employment of an old physician in Dunham. Mr.F. in a few words gave us a condensed account of himself & surviving relatives having lately by way of their late father,Jonathan Fassett,(once with his family a resident of Benn,Vt) become possessed of 1400 acres fine land-and their deed cov'd 60° more which he had no doubt they should hold-notwithstanding its partial settlement by squatters-who pretended-many of them,to no title what ever. His brother Jonathan had been dead 3 years-

Did not think to enquire respecting his brother Samuel who learned the goldsmith's business many years ago of Hunt & Clark- Philow the youngest or 2 years older than myself,he pronounced"a smart man"-- Our friend Moses when scarcely 20 years of age was married to the eldest daughter of the late Ephriam Smith esqr.-perhaps in 1797-by whom he had 14 children-10 or 11 of whom were living-youngest 10 years of age- Said land I ommitted to mention is situated within a short distance of Rochester City-worth from 25 to 30 dollars pr acre. Philow lived in Pennsylvania. Rec'd visit fcom Mrs Lucina Street-in good health-aged 69 "smart". Our valued friend John C.Presho attended raising at Hiram Waters-came home with our boys-very lively & sociable- Going soon to Troy,N.Y. to be Clk to a hardware merch't formerly the stand of T & R Mann- Now occupied by Mann &-See June 1,1827.

FRIDAY,MAY 22. Frosty morning-fair-smoky-stiff N.wd- Merc. 34° aft.sunrise-62° 52° Geo. was employed plowing N.orch'd- Patch in S. meadow planted with corn- plaster dropped in every hill- Presho,Mathews & self were associated in the execution of that peformance. Sixty bhls potatoes were drawn from the bin in the cellar. The remainder of the day Presho under direction of Adeline worked in the garden. Mathews & Hopkins picked up stones on land nearly laid down-S. of the upper brook-bounded E. by the Sam H.Brown line- with my fair companion rode abroad accomp'd by sis't L to H.Waters-Mr.Hall's valuable copy of the Spect being conveyed thus far on its way home- Drove to Deac.Hinsdill's-leaving Mrs H at the store-went to converse with Mr. Jackson respecting those calfskins mentioned on the 2d inst-found him not prepared for making a contract-He seemed to think the tanning & finishing off said skins would have been much better done at Dyer's than at Barton's- Returned to the store.saw the wool'n carpetg so much wanted-Some clashing in the statement of the price I observed- When Mrs H & daughter were there a few days ago-96 cs pr yd was the least they would sell it for & now previous to my coming in ,they said they must have 94& when I popped the question they required but 92 cs pr yd-casg down-94 if booked-however would charge but 92-if pd at the end of 90 days-Rec'd as a grand cheap article-bo't at auction in N.Y. So we took 19 yards on the above condition-more or less. Called for am't of acct previously taken up and found it to be little more than $20-to which add $17.42 for carpet-making in to to ov'r $38- Saw friend Norman Edgerton who on inquiry told me his mother's health was no better-that his uncles Heman & Ethan Day were with families in good health-the former pursuing his grapery-receiving $1500 annually,as store keeper for "Uncle Sam"-placed him just where he always wanted to be in a way of making money-easily- Told him I was glad of it-that if he came out to his father's must present him my compliments with the request that he would give us a call-No otherpurchase was effected here at this time-Came home by uncle S.Rob's where halted a mom't

Saw no one excepting a corpulent flush cheeked lady who we learned afterw'ds to be no less than the celebrated Miss Nancy Blake-whose employm't seemed to be that of washing- She made direct answers to our enquiries,and we resumed our homeward course-Got 2 late No's of the Gazette- Ordered a copy of acc'ts to made out at L P & Co's which was promised us by friend Lyman R at next call. Required the same at the stores of Sanf'd & B and at F.Blackmer's- of the latter rec'd all the money deposited with him to purxhase carpet at N.Y. & $1.25 " of what was sent for flute for Hopkins-making no acct of his trouble &c. for which returned my hinble acknowledgements- Rec'd also 16" remaining unexpended furnished to Godfrey to purchase nails,hoops & round iron.May 5. Saw a neat Collection of Music published at Utica in possession of S.Scott- Made call at H.Waters-Lydia joined company & came home with us. Rev'd Ed.W.Hooker came on an errand here in the morning-conversed and prayed with father & mother as became a clergyman of his eminent qualifications.

SATURDAY,MAY 23. Cold mg-but fair & warm remainder of the day-Ther.36°-61°-70°-58°-
Plowg-harrowing & rolling Nth orch'd was allottef to Mathews,mendg fences,planting hop poles &c to G.P. Hopk's some of the time bestrode the old mare while she well plied her strength in the gears forward of the venerable old oxen. Agreeable to the desire of Mr Presho prepared to go with him to N'th Benngt'n Father & Adeline occupied the waggon exclusively to H.Waters-the former having never ridden abroad before since his sickness-See Sunday the 3d. Ordered some iron work at S.Chandler's-then joining Presho soon reached N'th Village- Got 1 1/2 bhls rye ground & bolted at Welling's grand stone mill- miller complained of sick headache-Repaired to the Factory office of A Doty & Co,where waited awhile for Doty & P to close their concern which they did very amicably. Saw a very neat bill of sales sent from N.York to A D & Co. also late prices current from that city which for provisions were monstrously high. Spoke with Rufus Towslee- saw another gentleman indebted to Doty & Co trying to put off a watch tow'd debt. Also looked in a book containing the life & practice of the great Thompson- Mr.D. believed in the system- Entered the factory but once-staid a few moments- Went to Mr. Healy's & got introduced to Miss Miss Ann Cox by Presho- wishing to know if she could work for us or inform us of some suitable person that would ? She stood engaged to the lady of the house- however,knew of several young ladies of her acquaintance in the place whence she came that she could recom

mend and doubted not that they would readily engage in our service. Said she should soon write home & would introduce the subject to some people of her cousins-named Howard-very fine girls-agreed with her if she could obtain a favorable report to give due

notice thereof to me in writing- Told her likewise that I would write too- They spoke of a girl in the Village that they were very little acquainted with, but we did not believe much in her and therefore nothing was done respecting her. Londonderry was the place of Miss C's residence. Came, after receiving first grist, down the new road to Deac c.Hinsdill's Village, thence by uncle Sam's up to L P & Co's store. called for returns-not made out-should have them in the the evening- Landed Presho, trunk & bundle at the old Hicks stand-now Riddle's in safety- soon after took leave of him just as the stage was ready to leave. Dined at H.Waters- Rec'd 1 bbl flour at F. Blackmer's which was just brought in by S.L.Godfrey Jun, who by taking 40 bbls at once, in Troy, gained 12-1/2 cs on the bbl-which reduced the price to just $6.50" but he was going to add the Yk shilling to the price of mine-had my friend B not interfered-for which I let him know I much pleased- See April 16 & 17. ~~Itw~~ It was true that by small quantities the flour dealers did exact $6.62 1/2-pr bbl. Adeline drove home for her grandfather-after which I assisted G. about setting hop-poles-Went with him to bring the cows from pasture-found the grazing much improved-greatly beyond what could have been anticipated when we sowed plaster-Apl 27- Dairying as flourishing as the times & circumstances would allow of-Cheese-19Th-75 lbs. Our ladies rec'd the company of Miss Harr't Albro- I spent the early part of the evening very agreeably conversing with my father. Boys all rode up street- returned late with my book of acct's therewith which amt'd to $86.33 at L P & Co's & indeed to $87. out of which is to be substracted the value of 30 Gs brandy at 37 1/2 cs- leaving due $ To end the day memorably there came a rough sort of personage soon after night fall requesting leave to tarry the night with us- We informed him as the house was situated it would be inconvenient-that a family in our neighborhood had recently broken up & put in here which rendered it very troublesome to take in strangers. He however seemed almost determined to stay-began to say over a lurry, as if he were a pedlar of small articles-upon which I went to him and commenced telling him the reasons why we did not wish to keep him-alluding as before to the family occurence without mentioning names. He very sarcastically replied to me-intimating that he had previously been informed of that fact in curious sort of style- I said something more which so stirred up his anger that he became really insulting- I told him he must be careful as to what he had to say-whereupon he left the house uttering epithets & oaths too indecent to repeat-and we saw no more of him afterwards.

SUNDAY, MAY 24. Pretty fair with signs of rain- Merc. 43°-73°-62°- So much time was necessarily devoted to the daily concerns, and afterwards to writing Jour'l that I could only read a page or two in Pope's Odyssey besides, until a late hour in the day B.R.Sears & lady came to see us early in the eveg. It would pass for a cool day-

Geo. Not feeling very well, kept his room most of the day-Adeline attended church. Mason Wrisley came to see his mother. Mathews was off.

MONDAY, MAY 25. On the real warm order- not exactly clear nor very cldy- Signs of rain was seen in the morning-vanished afterwards. then came on again faintly P.M. thundered at S S.W.-wind variable-more from N than any other direction. Merc. 50°-74°-69°-84°-74°- Cheese of May 23d-85 lbs. Geo & self repaired board fence built in 1827- S. side the Night pasture No. 2- Mathews was employed-at plowing, rolling & harrowing, N't orchard- Rain much wanted-pastures becoming slowly (for) flourishing. Apple trees just beginning to show their blossoms. Father rode out-seemed to be gaining slowly. In the evening weighed Godfrey's load of salt- Turk's Isl'd & the other kind occupying 4 bags-whose weight was inclusive-amt'd to 828 lbs-Two sacks fine 385-sacks inclusive-Total 1213- Mr. J. Duncan paid his respects to us this day.

TUESDAY, MAY 26. That same brassy clearness of sun was again observed-Some few clds afloat-gentle breezes of northerly winds-Rain much wanted. Merc. 56°-76°-68°-64°- Perhaps the very highest might have been 77°-78°- A part of the ground usually denominated "The north orchard" was furrowed out & partly planted with potatoes-pretty faithfully plastered in the hill. The S part of said field was got in readiness for, planting by sufficient rolling & harrowing, by 12 at noon- Some time P.M. the team & plough were employed on ground lately manured-S of the upper brook-E part ploughed last fall- Geo. & Mathew were sole operators at managing the plow & spreading manure. See Nov 4. Father this morning felt much dejected & discouraged-did not think he was doing well at all-wanted to see Dr. H. Swift-so according he was conveyed to H Waters' where he remained until past noon-During his visit walked up to Dr. Heman's, obtained medicine & written directions how to proceed. Sd medicine was ordered to be dissolved in a pint of St. Croix which was procured at Blackmer's. After dinner Hopkins waited upon him home in like manner as he had gone abroad with him. In the absence of our father-pld Mr Loomis came to see & converse with him. He was disappointed-staid however, sometime talking over the old occurences-such as going to Troy in good old wheat days, carrying down loads of that sort of grain-storing it & returning home before he slept Used to make sales now & then that would go as high as 17/6 Ykk Carrying his own produce to market was most of the teaming he had ever done. Did not approve of teaming as a livlihood- His son Ira had lately come down from the W. on a visit-gone at present to Williamst'w Calculating soon to remove to Ohio-born Dec 1783- Old gent 82-Nov next-his memory good & step pretty firm.

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THURSDAY, MAY 28. S. wind-many clds from that quarter & some very slight showers of rain-signs of rain seemed to vanish at night-Merc. 52°-77°-68°-. Finished offplanting in good season- The patches of the upper brook being the principal scene of action for the day. Had a few bhls of potatoes left to sell if wanted-said to be worth 2/8 pr bhl. About 2 bhls egg potatoes were planted on the W. part of sd piece. Boys all up street a short time in the evening-bro't home Vt Gazette wherein was mentioned the death of gen'l Sam'l Cross of Shaftsbury aged 64-fine wealthy citizen-was out militia captain in the fall of 1812 at Plattsburgh, Champlain &c- William Bates gave us a short call early in the evening on his return from digging clay in Shaftsbury.

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were some cldy with some signs of rain- In the morning the ther. stood at 59°- Felt anxious to be off for Readsboro- Weighed cheese, counted money &c of the latterarticle there was counted $84 in bills & 8.52" specie-Total $92.52- before we proceed with the day in hand we would observe that between the 25th and the present inst apple trees maight have been pronounced in full bloom- Not many exceptions in orchards in this section in regard to blossoms- all appeared complete full as far as my observation extended.

I am told by G.P. that on Friday board fence between the S.meadow & S.orchr'd built, if I be correct, in 1826 was removed & firmly rebuilt on a line nearly parallel to the former course- a few paces farther N. Left them thus engaged on going to R'dboro.

At about 10 in the morning was under motion for the E- made short halt at J.Norton & Co's store- saw cousin Judah Harwood, Mr, Demmon-son-in-law of Mr.Peck & V D McEowen-the last of whom assurred me o of the safety of the guaging rod which I left with him at the time of having brandy measured by me by my good friend J.Norton, Esqr. Mr.D took occasion to ask me to state on what day in May 1834 the great snow storm occurred ? For he said his father-in-law & himself disagreed respecting it-the former holding forth that it was on an earlier day than the 15th-the latter contending for the date just named- But the old gentleman offered to give it up if I should say it was on that day- So of course as the fact did occur- so I declared it- Mr.P. was down- D much pleased. Soon after entering the real old Windham Turnpike -now so much neglected- finding it most awfully stony & rough, almost repented my girl expedition-Slowly mounted the great Elbow Hill- Half a mile short of the Elbow overtook an emacia(tia)ted old beast which stood in the gears as an apology for a horse, attached to a waggon filled with household stuff. After passing said establishment, which (was) lay at anchor-met a man & boy going to assist the poor animal. They offered some remarks on the fine condition & good looks of the good beast I was driving. Very slowly & in a most solitary manner progressed east'd. Past noon reached the old Perry Place occupied by our friend Jennings Rider- who with a hand was engaged in clearing stones off newm mowing land lately seeded for that purpose. Could perceive that time had used up the buildings a great deal since I was last that way- say in 1809 or 1811- Indeed then there was much travelling carried on to & fro-now it was all flat & listless. Very rarely anybody seen like me crossing the frightful hills. Baited the mare-went into the house, had a glass of water with which washed down the morsel designed for dinner. While here enjoyed no small satisfaction in conversing with old Mrs Rider on by gone days & events-whens she resided in Wilmington, more particularly so as to her intimate acquaintances with capt.Ellis Doty, wife & family-was acquainted with my late cousin James Harwood- 2d son of my late uncle Clark- Though a little odd as we say sometimes-yet his disposition was excellent & he won the good will of every person in the family

& in return rec'd his full share of regards & all proper care & attention in sickness & in health while he remained with them. Poor unfortunate fellow- enlisted in the Naval Service of the U.S. and in 1813 died of sickness on board the Ship Oneida. She testified to the superior worth of Mrs D-now no more- Considered the family very smart & respectable- Knew & was well acquainted with Horatio Gates Doty- believed that hew was at last married to the girl of his first choice. So we talked away an hour pretty nimbly & I was away rumbling over the stony ill fated road- No peace was to be had until I got past James Hicks Jun saw mill- & the hill leading down past it was beyond measure the most outraseougly bad- I mean stone banging & thrash'g-I had met with on this more than lonesome route. On the old Hartwell flat found the road tolerably good- Hartwell's all away- House now kept by Canady- made some enquiry in what direction to go to find the residence of Isaac Esty-they told me as well as they could- Pushed forward up the long Eddy hill & at the place bearing that name

1835 Bennington, JUNE 1st.1835 was told that the proper course to pursue in order to gain the residence of Mr.E. was to go over a high ridge of mountain off to the right of the old Turnpike. It was a woman who gave me my instructions-which were gratefully accepted,-but accompanied with my usual slang of complaint against driving over such abominable,high,unyielding hills. At length however the labors of the day were successfully terminated in happily arriving at the hospitable dwelling of Mr.E. a short time past the setting of the sun. My business was immediately made known,mare unharnessed & stabled & myself served with a good supper in common with the whole family. The long winter had stripped these people as well as thousands of others of hay & they had just been off & bo't a few hundreds at the rate of $8 pr (hund) ton. I engaged not to trouble them on that score- having bro't along plenty of oats & hay sufficient to last over night. Mr.E.said it was 41 years since he came into the place from Keene, N.H.-Commenced working on his farm entirely in a state of nature,for so was all the country to the N & N.E. for a number of miles in extent, at some little distance S much in the same neighborhood the earliest settlements in Readsboro' were effected. He was young,healty & vigorous at that time & though in many respects unfortunate,particularly in reference to the sickness ofhis parents-yet had he raised a family of 3 sons & 5 daughters,(allowing me to be correct) paid for and bought to a good farm for that mountainous region,consisting of rising of 100 acres land pretty pleasantly,as I saw next morning,situated too. I should say it was located in the N.E.part of the town-his eastern line,if I mistake not,being the boundary between R & Whitingham. Had been married twice,living at present with his 2d wife who by a former husband had 7 children,2 sons & 5 daughters- one of the latter no longer ago than Sept last having

been married to his son Isaac who stands as heir expectant. I saw the lady who appeared well & we may presume in every respect she must be what she ought to be a snug neat house wife-yet was there a sort of unseemliness in the match which is too prominent to be passed over silently- She was 7 years the eldest-being in her 31st & he in his 24th year. I found him an agreeable active young man,of fair character as near as my judgment could be formed & withal very industrious. Saw him engaged in the evening in copying a militia company Roll so of course has enjoyed promotion in that high department- (~~The-old-gentleman said-it-was-41-years-since-he~~) They were engaged in laying pump logs for the purpose of bringing water from a neighboring spring about 60 rods from the house-logs were of fir timber- 1 1/2 inch caliber. apple trees in this plave just beginning to put forth blossoms-In Bennington they were past the full-might date that from the 25th to 29th.

SUNDAY,MAY 31. Tolerably warm-broken clds from S Rain much wanted & expected- Walked to view the farm-esteemed it for that elevated region,pleasn't consisted of about 100 acres as above mentioned-Grass appeared flourishing,much more than in Bennington. Soon after breakfast Mr.E.started with me on foot to go 3 miles S.E. the house at which the young lady,I wanted to engage,lived- Before reaching the banks of Deerfield River descended some long hill which to,a person no better acquainted with the mountain scenery than myself,seemed tedious enough. Arrived at the river we came to a crazy bridge some little way E of the Village-That bridge is suspended at least about 25 foot in ordinary times above the water-now in a most runious condition- The town had contracted for a new one to be erected in the same place-and the gentleman who hadundertaken it had done something it is true-or we might say,a good deal,if he must lose the whole as the prospect then was for his contract would be out on the first of June-when instead of having completed theb bridge-comparatively speaking-he had hardly begun-and was to have only $600 The job at the least calculation would require now about $1000 to go through with it. He was completely at a stand-his credit was too low to enable him to proceed-so of course must wind up with the consolation of thinking himself a dead loser of all he had previously accomplished-say $4 or $500- I have no more time to write respecting this frightful bridge. Went on down the river,which here as in all the mountainous tract through which it passes,cuts a deep narrow valley-the hills on either hand rising very abruptly- Halted at the house of a Mr.Battle's residing in the neighborhood in which she a short time since had lived with her widowed mother-she died early in May of consumption-leaving a family of 5 children of whom she was the eldest,say 17- Her father,a very accomplished carpenter,joiner,cabinet maker &c named Davidson-had been dead 3 years-a nephew of Mr.Esty-so on that account he had interested

himself some in the concerns of the orphan family-one of the boys living with him. By conversing a few moments with Miss D learned that my visit was totally useless-that she had determined on staying where she was-the time having expired which she had set for coming to Bennington- Besides Mr.Battles had recently buried a hopeful son on whom he had placed great reliance as a support in the declining years of himself & lady-the latter too being quite feeble in her person & greatly depressed in spirits. They did not insist on her staying-would acquiesce in what ever she choose to do,but felt very anxious to have her stay-she also thought certain unsettled affairs of her late mother required her presence-nor could she if she went tarry longer than the first of Sept-her calculation being then to go and learn the tailoring business-So weighing all these ponderous considerations fully -saw at once that my suit was at an end. As to other girls,enquiry seemed vain & useless-every one being ready to say they knew of none-all gone to the factories. We returned to the house of Mr.E. about 12 o'clock-had enjoyed much satisfaction conversing with him-he being well acquainted with many persons in Bennington familiarly known to me- He used to work for McEowen & Robinson when they carried on the capt,Dewey place- 1806 to 1810 many a hay season as well as at chopping wood by the cord-Dined-caught up & harnessed my beast which had feasted on fresh pasturage during my absence,thanked the people for their hospitality-put a piece of money in the old lady's hands & was off by the same route which I had pursued to get there-say about 2 P.M. At the bridge this side of the old Hartwell stand saw some men engaged in fishing-on enquiry they seemed to think to go on the old Turnpike-But I knew too well how it was-resolved not to try it again-crossed over & took the road to Stamford & found it a very pleasant one for that part of the country- When about 8 miles from North Adams called at a log house to make the usual enquiry the grey headed old lady of the house who had her bible in her hand-said she knew a certain widow Camp somewhere in the Village of N.A. about 40 years of age that she supposed would answer well our purpose- Referred me to

1835 Bennington,June 2,1835 a Mrs Williams of sd village-said she was acquainted with Mr. Butler & lady,but somehow did not seem to think they would know much respecting Mrs C- Furthermore Mrs C. had a son living somewhere in Bennington. It is sufficient to state that I made little enquiry respecting this personage when passing through the Village. At some distance ahead made another call and repeated the same question-and rec'd like reply-saw girls there too- On arriving at Wilmarth's in Stamford alighted & went into the house-Soon perceived there was sickness in the family from light stepping and the strong scent of drugs- There were visitants with anxious looks-among whom recognized my worthy friend W.E.Brayton who came up with his lady on acct of family connexion between himself & Mr.W. It was

the landlady who lay sick,very dangerously,as was thought-her brother David Weeks Jun'r & lady (as I presume) were also there. Conversed with Mr.W & Esqr B a few moments- resumed my seat in the wagg- and drove forward- Getting to a place where the roads turned to the right & left-was set aright by 2 men who swiftly passed me in a stylish kind of waggon-just halting long enough to say that if I kept to the left-should encounter a bad bridge-so of course followed them. In nearing the Village pairs of elegantly dressed gentlemen & ladies were frequently seen-Reached that place a little before sunset-streets filled with people returning home from the different houses of Public worship-all appareled to the extent of the fashions-not long in wending my way thro' this little manufacturing capital-hastened onward for Williamstown. A little to the W of the Brayton Factory-indeedit was below the Col.Jones place,now occupied by Mr.Harrison-met a young lady belonging to that factory and asked her if she knew of any girl,such as she could recommend,who wanted a place to do house work &c- She hesitated a little & then said she knew one who she believed would suit well- Her name was Mahala Sprague-entered & disliked the Factory-had told her if she would find her a proper place-she would gladly engage there-had already withdrawn from the factory & was now employed in the family of Dr.Brayton,one of the proprietors of the establishment. It was getting late or I would have turned round & gone back to see the ladty at once. Besides there was great uncertainty int the case- perhaps next to impossible to engage her on any terms whatever-and suppose that difficulty surmounted,there was great probability that she might not suit-or if she should suit perhaps she would be unsteady, discontented or some way or other wrong. My informant gave me her name which,if rightly heard,was Lois Hogton-had a brother living with Mr.Bridges,Williamstown- I likewise returned her my name & residence with request that she would write me respecting the Sprague girl whether she were at liberty to go elsewhere. Arrived at Bridges' before 9- all,excepting Mrs B & the babe,gone to meeting. Stabled mare-People returned from conference- F.Mather,his sister Sophia,cous.Margaret-Mr.B & children- Cousin M.stated that Mr/Phillips & some of his family had been much out of health during the winter past. The hospitality of the house caused me to enjoy a comfortable meal. Mr.Mather appeared to be lacking good health-on which acct swallowed some pills- hard work to keep them down-received some little innocent jokes from his sister on the subject. Family all appeared in fine spirits. In due season the house was hushed to rest. Previous to taking final leave of the month of May it is proper that I should review the transactions of the 29th. I was pretty fully occupied-did not get time to enter on book as usual- sketched notes on a slip of paper which were mislaid,but afterwards found. A certain piece of board fence erected between the orch'd and S meadow mentioned under that date was

then commenced. Bespoke tin sink of Sand'd-Called on Mrs Bailey and got information respecting the Davidson girl- Visited Walbridge's grist mill & had half bhl Ind Corn ground- Saw & conversed with Sylv. W.Daniels who as Surveyor of Highway had the men of his District out repairing roads.told me he could have informed me what sort of man Richmond Brownell was precious to my dealing with him in Feby last-not over honest- once whipped a cow to death because he got violently angry with his wife-saying if he had not done so,he would have killed her. For the rest see Friday 29- But I would just notice meeting our friend Wm Potter-who conversed with me on the purchase made In Feby which he considered a most losing one on my part & as much the other way on the part of Brownell Complained to him respecting the Buck cow which had not yet come in-requested him to endeavor to sound him slightly on the Buck cow trade to see if something could be drawn from him to make manifest his fraudulent doings in the affair- At night rec'd F. Blackmer's returns of store a/c due $54 or thereabouts-Bal in favor L.P.& Co-say of $76- Do to Hinsdill $39 Do to Arnold's in Troy-$16-and to Sanf'd & Brown by estimation $13. Total $198.00-Breakers ahead.

MONDAY,JUNE 1st. Late on Sabbath evening there came on a very refreshing shower from the S.succeeded by rains during most of the night-The morning consequently was unusually gay-air cool-every thing flourishing in the vegetable kingdom-Wd W It was the misfortune of Mr Mather & myself to so oversleep as to occasion a call to breakfast. Bridges' eldest son,about 13 years of age,seemed highly pleased with the mare Jenny. Went over to the College Chapel and most agreeably spent half an hour with our amiable friend J.S.Wight- who after some time spent in conversation was atp pains to procure the key of the College Library into which he introduced me-Grandest collection of the kind had ever before seen- What piles & stacks of dead authors' Works were here presented to the astonished beholder- I am not even able to convey the faintest idea of masses of literary treasure which for years has been accumulating on the extensive shelves of this spacious apartment;& it lacks yet much of being filled up. Being pretty fully satisfied with my view of these-walked over to the garden kept by the Students-near the W.college building a few steps to the South. It was in pretty fine order but not up to what it would be a few weeks hence-Leaving this place my friend accompanied me nearly to the meetinghouse where in a very friendly manner we parted- Besides seeing the Library-accidentally had a slight peep in the museum- Was also introduced into the great conference room where on the right & left of the pulpit is to be seen handsome inscriptions in commemoration of the founder of the Institution-Col. Eph'm Williams & of one of its principal benefactors-Woodbridge Little Esqr.,of Pittsfield,Ms.

1835,Bennington June 3,1835 Called at the house of the widow of my late cousin Jed.Stone-she

wss not present-gone to some neighboring house-saw one of her grand-daughters-child of Mr & Mrs Butler of Adams,N.Village-No time to wait-returned to B's-received assistance in harnessing,if I recollect rightly,from the boy just mentioned.came away in haste- On dug way was annoyed by horrid stench which arose from the putrified remains of a horse which lay on a little gravelly island against that portion of highway-belonged to a span drowned a few days since by the owner in attempting to ford the river at some distance above- Meeting two footmen,questioned them in regard to girls-One said he knew a Miss Hannah Field who was at present attached to a factory in Berlinebut drawing low wages meant to quit ere long-guessed she might be had- Referred me to Mr. Jepson living at the Sand Spring for further information. Next after rising the long hill saw a gentleman who told me he had at home 2 daughters,one of whom could be spared to work abroad-but at a very advanced price. From his manner-considered him a gentleman wanting in good feeling-not tied up to rules of justice & right. Burlingame was his name (Burlingame) At Geo.Card's renewed the inquiry but could hear nothing favorable-Mrs C told me there was a time within six or eight months past thatI might have hired Miss Shaw who had then lately left Richmond's in Hoosick-would have given me notice thereof-but for Mr. Breese's calling and afterwards giving her employment. which she continued to enjoy to the present time. Reached home by 2 o'clock P.M.-Geo & Matthews had blasted the big rock so effectually that with one or two more operations of like nature,executed after my arrival,the whole was reduced to such masses as rendered it nod difficult matter to remove it. Settled off in full with Charles Bradley Matthews for half a month's labor at the rate of $15-by paying $7 in money- had rec'd 50 cents yesterday- we were very well satisfied with the service rendered. Boys all rode up street in the evening-Procured my Highway Tax Warrant duly made out & signed.

TUESDAY,JUNE 2. Pleasant-wind mainly W.- Pretty cold morning- Merc 48°-Feeling yet very anxious to procure a proper person to execute the office of hired maid retraced my steps towards Williamstown-conveying Mrs Wrisley & youngest son to judge L.Norton's at the same time. Also gave notice to the people generally within the Highway District of which I had the honor of being Surveyor,that their services would be required on the roads on Thursday & Friday of the pres't week. In accordance with the request of Mrs Wrisley applied to Gardner Bennett to make a home for her son Wells,but rec'd a negative answer-had sold out to Reynolds Carpenter-final destination being-Scipio-N.Y.-At Widow's Jewett's made the standing inquiry-knew of no girl-had two of her own-both fully employed- Renewed the call at Mrs Elsworth's- directed me to see widow Bannister whose daughter Susan might possibly be induced to enlist in our service. On arriving near the meetinghouse a company of militia was in full march to martial

music,flag displayed & all so fine-but it was far, very far from giving pleasant sensations my old mare-judging from her manner which was most ridiculous-however it was soon over- Hauled up in perfect safety to the door of the good widow where saw the young lady in question standing in the door with another of about the same size & age. After fully explaining my business & representing the nature of the work we wished to have done and the respect in which we always held girls of proper character at our house-in as just a light as I was capable of & carrying on much light conversation-hearing of mean girls that I would not engage unless under circumstances of the utmost urgency-receiving no favorable assurrance-resumed my course to the S. Had very weak faith in my present undertaking-indeed it was next to hopeless. Went up to the Sand Spring-visited the lady of the house-conversed with her concerning Hannah Field & was well convinced that allowing we could engage her, which admitted an almost insurmountable doubt,she was by no means fitted for our purpose- so there was no crying about this thing- Bade goodby to Mrs Jepson whose husband from appearances was by occupation a cooper-returned down the lane into the main road again. Saw the grand arch over the entrance of this lane in partial ruins- some of our late sweeping Eastern gales having blown it down-but not so bad that it could easily be replaced. The inscription thereon was handsome & according to my odd fancy quite tasteful. Perhaps it is needless to be so minute as to mention that at the Sand S.saw no man there who resided on the spot- One gentleman called in-wanted something to drink which the landlady could not raise-had not got it- will now go on with my regular relation. In front of Stone's Inn met with Dr.H.Swift & his friend Geo. Lyman-both my school mates 34 or 35 years since-The y requested to know & I informed them what my business was-upon which G. passed some common-place joke. The landlord,now a gentleman of 75,did not recognize my features & when told who I was tried to find out family connexion between the Bennington & Windsor races of Harwoods- Such consanquinity I admitted-took a glass of water & drove on not exactly determined what road to take- Dr.Swift mentioned that if I continued on the way to town & should meet Plin.Wright to tell him to hasten along-which of course promised to do- However,did not go that way-filed off to the left- But here let me digress just enough to write that our worthy landlord claimed long acqauintance with the father of Geo.Lyman-saying he carried him through a course of Small Pox in some town near Northampton,Hampshire Co,when a mere boy at which time he was pretty cross. This done will resume the route to Adams again. Drove very leisurely-Came within speaking distance of an elderly lady,of not perhaps, the most conspicuous station in life,nevertheless not a whit the more unhappy on that acct,who on being interrogated in regard to the beings I was in pursuit of stated right off hand that she had a daughter in one of the Adams' Factories whose services she very

much stood in need of at home-had repeated sent to have her come home without receiving the faintest assurance of her return-that she even refused to visit in the ordinary way-so afraid was she of being retained by her mother & in that way manifesting a strong attach to herpresent employment. The good lady said she should no more send but go herself and see if she could not prevail with her to come away ? Girl about fifteen. On getting to the old Col.Jones Place where from the quantity of lumber & building materials on hand,carpenters being engaged at framing &c-concluded Mr.Harrison must be deeply occupied in the erection

1835 Bennington June 3 1835 some kind of important building Hesitated some whether to drive farther-whether it would not be well to leave my horse & waggon at this house while visiting the Brayton Factory to learn what could be done respecting Miss Sprague. Indeed this business imposed a dread on me which was very forcibly felt. It was rather early in the P.M.-considered it better to while away the time until near evening when perhaps might meet with the other lady who could let me know whether the former were at liberty to be off. Proceeded onward to the village-baited my horse-drank a very temperate glass of wine-saw two happy devotees of Bacchus-not of the first water,but such as esteem it most delightful to step up and "Have something to take at the Bar"- Heard Mr.Barkeeper say that corn was bringing $1 pr bhl easy. Staid not long-being off on my return half a mile & missing the handle to my halter-turned about & just drove back & got it-and once more set my head to the W- Called at the Brayton factory-strolled to & fro about the factory grounds-entered the factory which was in full operation-looms & machinery not over extensive-much room yet unoccupied. Made some inquiry for the young lady whom I saw on Sunday eveg-but did not hear of,nor see her. Left the building & after loitering about awhile,by inquiry found the way into Dr.Brayton's parlour where,on being called,Miss M.Sprague came forth-but conversed only a moment before she returned up stairs,to bring down an infant of which she had charge,belonging to the lady of the doctor. It took but little time to ascertain that this young lady was not going to Bennington with me. Her mother was dead-her father resided in Williston,Vt,where girls were plenty & could be hired very reasonably-even so low as 50 cs pr wk. Her sojourn in these parts was but temporary-her relatives were inhabitants of Clarksburgh,Ms-that being her present main home-was not permanently engaged to the doctor,but could not honorably quit his employment. Thus was I dished-Felt chagrined almost determined to come directly home this evening-but the weather appearing on the rainy order and night near at hand-shaped my course for Williamstown-arrived at Deac.Levi Smedley's about sunset-horse well taken care of-self hospitably treated-many common subjects were talked over & among the rest their having sold 8 of their best cows for

$200 early in March to Mr.Manning Brown-son-in-law of the Deacon- Great & universal complaint of the falling off in the dairying business. After the usual family devotion was performed by cousin Levi Jun.every one retired to rest for the night-my location being the old S.front chamber. Deac.S.said he was 70 years of age on Oct.1834. The dwelling in which he now lived was built by capt Nehemiah Smedley his father,when he,the deac was in his 9th year. Capt S. was one of the earliest settlers of the town. I suffered from heat/

WEDNESDAY,JUNE 3d. Fair-extremely warm-Learned after getting home that the thermom' indicated 88° heat as the highest to which it rose this day- 72°-at sunset- Up early-fed mare-heard,before quitting bed,the clicking of the factory looms-Hauled newspaper from my pocket & walked,reading tow'd the Village-when arrived opposite the store of Caleb Brown,seeing the same open,walked in-Spellman,the clerk being busy at sweeping & dusting the floors &c Conversed with him & afterwards with our old friend Southworth on a variety of incidents of no great inportance. Mr.Brown had returned from his Spring excursion to N.Yk-in health but afflicted with a bad bile on his right leg- Left store promising to call again-visited the milking yard of our friend young Cole-all going regularly-Dairy consisted of 24 cows giving milk & another one yet to come in.They were outdoing us-making 80 wt.pr day-Saw only the hired man- Mr.C.himself gone to Troy,N.Y, Returned to the Deacon's- Breakfast was over but prayers yet to be gone through. Family seated-several members of which had each a copy of the Sacred Volume and when the Deac.commenced reading a chapter for prayers-was followed in regular succession by the others to the end. The ceremony having been duly,& with all proper form & solemnity,attended to, the family separated to pursue the various avocations severally allotted to them. Breakfasted alone& was soon off-previously inviting the deac & his people to be good enough to visit us- Again called at A B Cole's-saw that they sewed their bandageson for good -greased & painted in such manner as to appear when old perfectly natural. The general aspect of Mr.C's domestic affairs such as his cow yard,sheds,cheese house,presses,not to notice his cutting down the Lomb'y poplars-introducing young thrifty maples in their stead-rigging over front fences,indicated that the hand of care & industry had been sedulously employed thereabouts. Made next halt at the store of C.Brown & enjoyed the company & sociability of our friend Caleb who very freely entered into the history of his cheese speculations. Of that single article himself & Burrell his partner purchased in the county of Herkimer-alone-two millions pounds- Their business had become astonishingly extensive(~~extending~~) Comprehending a general sweep from Providence,R.I. to Savannah & Augusta,Ga.- Had to surmount innumerable difficulties-all which had safely passed through without the loss of a single dollar by mere delinquency

To a single house in Philadelphia they had shipped $35000's worth,& if I rightly comprehended his meaning,our dairy was included in that amt- About the time it got to market dairies were slidding with great facility & ease. Spoke in unmeasured terms of the very noble liberality of N.York merchants-whose industry was of the most intense kind- causing life & activity to prevail throughout that Great Commercial Capital of the Rising Empire of the U.S. of America. Half an hour was soon pleasantly passed off in such lively conversation as took place between Mr.B & me,& I withdrew-receiving a very friendly invitation at the same time from my friend to have my horse put out &c &c- Before going on to state that I next paid my regards to Mr.Wight at the Chapel-suffer me to correct a little mistake committed in what is said of the weather on the evening of the 2d inst.,which instead of protending rain was perfectly fair & sound. The thing grew out of a similar train of thought that had passed in my mind on Sunday evening in regard to returning home-by turning back to said date it will at once show for itself. Found Wight in his room apparently well satisfied with himself-full of collegiate employment-Had visited with about 30 other students the celebrated Saddle Back Mountain from which there was a fine view-Liked his jaunt well-During the short time spent with him-many & various things & ideas were talked of which it would be impossible as well as superflous to reduce to writing. Be it as it may-I was well entertained and pleased with the interview. Told him not to wait for a letter from me but to,

1835 Bennington June 4,1835 write whenever the fit came on him-to which he assented-about 10 o'clock took leave feeling pretty flat to think how ill my pains were requited,in thus trundling about the country,all for nought- but it is never best to despair while a ray of hope remains.On arriving at widow Bannister's halted & went in-soon made a bargain with her daughter to come & try living with us awhile at $1 pr week. I believe September was the longest or latest to which the time was extended,by permanent agreement,that she would choose to stay-but I told her & her mother that if at any time she became uneasy & not willing to tarry-we would not insist on her remaining,but suffer her to depart at once-otherwise ,should all things suit-everything slide smoothly should be glad to avail ourselves of her assistance until late in October-Encouragement was given that it might be so. Circumstances rendered it altogether necessary that she whould spend a few days at home previous to commencing with us-therefore it was agreed to send for her on Saturday the 13th inst.when she would come on without fail. Considered myself as having been very lucky-could go home with flying colors. So pleased did I feel that to the lady who gave information of Miss B I returned sincere thanks for the kindness whe had done me. Maj.W.Bates saw & requested me to

purchase two cows of him- I declined-did not wish to buy more at present-saw a large load of kegs bound to Troy- reached home by 3 P.M. Matthews began to let out upon me quite unceremouniously on seeing me drive up accompanied by no lady-Suffered him to proceed sometime before letting him know the fact. Since my departure on Tuesday morning-training of course had been attended to-and the big rock wholly removed and the bed in which it had for ages rested was filled up with a mixture of earth & chip manure-plowed up & scraped in. Subsequent part of the day devoted to banding N't end of the water trough and repair rail fence & half wall W.side the lane below the old N.orchard.

Charlotte the col'd girl's time expired-services amounted to $3.32 at 75 cs pr wk. She had done very well & rec'd pay in full as may be seen in a/c book-page 15- Hopkins went up Street with Adeline-by whom the pamphlet,entrusted with me on Monday by Mr.Spencer of Wm.Coll., was forwarded to the young man at the Seminary to whom it was directed. The death of Clark Harwood of West Rutland-Vt. my father's eldest brother was confirmed-learned no particulars. Sat up late at night-father very uneasy & restless.

THURSDAY,JUNE 4. Warm dry & cldy-Stiff Southern breeze- Rained slightly in the evening-Merc. 65°-84°-75°- Boys employed on highway-beginning at 8 in the morning-S.end of the Dist. I was not there until afternoon- Geo.P,assisted by his friend Wm.Bates,having command.All hands present worked well-most of their names shall be recorded. G.P,Harwood,W & New't Bates,Levi Jewett-,John Searls, Den'l Perry-Thom's Jewett,Calvin Fay- Charles B.Matthews,H.H.Harwood,&c- Jonas Fay Billing & son-in-law Hiram Dimick were on for a time in the morning,but were not well reported of. Worked road in passable style from Pow'l line to the middle of Jewett's hill. Past 5 P.M. left & came home. Found a gentleman impatiently waiting to see me-wanted to leave for trial a late invented Patent Cheese press. Assurred the gentleman it would be of no use-for I should not purchase one at any rate-as the old ones answered my purpose in every way-But to please him without much trouble to ourselves-consented to suffer one to be set up. He tarried over night-Said his name was Amos (A) Bennett-belonging to Duanesburgh,N.Y.-had raised 12 children-of whom 11 were living. Great country for raising barley-thirty bhls sowing producing a yield of 500. Black woman & her daugh't Charlotte white washes the house & cleans paint-the last job of their performing. Father who continued much indisposed & low spirited,was waited upon by Lydia on a ride around "The Square" as we say. The cheese of the 2d inst.on being weighed broke down my weighing establishment-set it down for 88 lbs.

FRIDAY,JUNE 5 Warm damp-rain strongly expected Small shower in the morning-two very smart y ones P.M.-thund'd-Merc.75°-82°-69°-

Geo. & Charles were sent to work on the road, Mr. Bennett had bo't of the (Pahle) Patented ,Mr.Kibbee the privilege of selling the right to build & vend said Press to the whole State of Vermont for the sum of $600. Price of the press which he left with us was $15- we were to try it & then be at perfect liberty to resign it up or purchase as we should feel disposed. Dr.H.Swift viewed it. Mr.Bennett in making trial of it broke one of the principal irons of the machine-so that it could not be used. He left at ab't 10 in the morning. A lot of seasoned lumber was placed away securely. Father & aunt Lydia came near being caught in a shower of rain. Eliza Warren with little girl paid a visit here. The road was wroked as far up as the red houses belonging to judge L.Norton-Boys off up Street in the eveing. Sold to F.Blackmer 32 lbs 6 oz cheese on cr at 8 1/2 cs. Cheese made June 3d (6th) weighed 82 lbs.

SATURDAY JUNE 6th. Cool,Pleas't-fine growing season-Worms were bad among corn-some whole fields nearly destroyed. Merc.60°-72°-70°-60°-Corn E of the cheese house hoed-that in the S.meadow examined & found failing-part planted over again-Matthews quitted work at noon-paid him in full for 3 1/2 days work $1.75 . P.M. went up street on foot-Saw Graves,Hollister & Isaac Allen working on road against the old Dr. Swift house. S.Chandler had raised the frame of his new blacksmith shop Saw employed about it-G.House & (G House) H Waters. Called at F.Blackmer's-saw handsome razors-at 75 cs- Rode with L Patchin Esqr.up to his store-he halted to talk with Hiram Blackmer & A D Robinson respecting a new road about being laid out over by Briar Hill & that quarter. S.H.Blackmer being at L P,& Co's store took me aside to invite me to call at his office to examine into a certain business concerning which he had heard that I entertained wrong views. Perhaps it may end here as I shall take little pains to search into old affairs-that no way,or if in any measure , interested me,it was very remotely. P.L.Robinson managedas usual in the store-handed over his razors which however were soon returned to me at what he called a reduced price-$1 for the pair-booked of course-that being the glossy way in which in these glossy days I did business with my merchants-Extremely easy in theory,but not so as matter of fact-as a few short weeks will show.

1835 Bennington,June 7 1835 One remark on those razors-neither of them heavy-the one highly polished-price 50 cs-the other well finished backed like a fine saw & unpolished-price 75 cs-Turn back to the preceeding page for the actual price-charged in A/c Saw Mrs Pool the frxxx lady of our friend Elisha P.of Harmon Dairy memory,who stated that herself & family lived at the Sol Henderson place-had no hand in dairying-business which had nearly cost her life. Her husband's sister Esther by living with a bachellor who kept cows & of whose dairy she had the management-was married within a few

months past-Man of respectability both as to personal character & worldly possessions- Residing somewhere within 15 or 20 miles of Utica. Saw capt.H. Robinson & hands getting up a large stone in the highway fronting his father's house. No letter at P.O. Bargained for tin sink with G R Sanford at $3. Dimensions given in writing -but have them not present to enter here- Five o'clock P.M. when I came past H.Waters'.

SUNDAY JUNE 7. Cool-flying clds-very flourishing season-for growth of everything spared by last yrs drought & the late severe winter-Merc. 48°-75°-68°- Not much other business than making cheese going on-nRec'd good visit from cousin Henry Parsons & lady-left all smart at Hoosick Falls- Cous.H.seeing our clock out of gear-very readilyset about righting it which he soon effected-much to his own credit as a doctor of such property & greatly to our satisfaction & convenience- of course had the politeness to thank him therefor-promising to remember it another day. Cous.G.& our Adeline went to meeting-the latter came home on acct of seeing Henry & Lady. Dr.H.Swift visited father early in the evening-talked encouraging as to his illness- Had to be company for father until late at night.

MONDAY,JUNE 8. Comparatively cool-some signs of rain- Wind S.Merc. 46°-Wind S Merc. 46°-75°-68°- Corn in S. meadow hoed,limed & ashed & where missing,which was to considerable extent replanted. Father & our sister Lydia took ride down the Bank hill by the old gov Robinson stand-crossed bridge-took new road to Hinsdill's- thence by Esqr Wm.Henry's round by Dan'l Breckenridge's-up Henderson Hill-through Court House Street &c home in good season-they very well enjoyed the ride.

TUESDAY,JUNE 9. Too much N wind to bring rain as we supposed-Pretty warm some cldy- mostly what we may term clear-yet was there a peculiar kind of yellow tinge observable in the appearance of the sky. Chief employment about home would say was hoeing in the garden-filling leach-tub &c- Father began to think of resuming active occupation-Milked 2 cows thismmorning-sharpened some bean poles &c-but it took but little to weary him. He rode about the District with me warning out the people to work on the Highway on Friday next. There was was quite a little visit made at Gidson House's-Lydia was friendly indeed-my father's case reminding her of her father-whose memory she much revered-lent us a fine easy rocking chair to accomodate my father-went after coming home with my partner up street-at Didam's saw B O Tyler's Dec. of Independence. F. Blackmer had the grass in his front yard mowed. Played a few pieces on S S Scott's flute which could fill but badly. Rec'd some late N.Y.Spectators.

taking new tin sink at the tin shop of Sanf'd & Brown drove home-entertained our cousin-youngest son of our late uncle at West Rutland,Vt. Elijah Octavius Harwood who said he had been to some place beyond or among the Gr.Mountains over against Manchester to transport a quantity of dry goods from Troy,N.Y. for a pedlar. Said his father departed this life on the 25th of last April- Made it out that he had done much tow'd his support- The disorder of which his father died was consumption- Related a great dead of pedling-what good bargains he frequently made &c &c &c- Head quarters in Troy- Merc. 50°-78°-73°-

WED.JUNE 10 Extremely warm 3/4 of the day P.M. cldy-showers to the N.E. very little came here- Merc.60°-84°-88°-78°-62°- A variety of concerns were disposed of including taking in the Buck cow,which bro't a calf within 3 hours afterwards. Boards weresided up against the W end of the cheese house to guard against extreme heat. Molasses hhd headed up & carefully placed away- Cheese shelves erected in cheese room. Hopkins rode with his grandfather through E.Village-round by E. Montague's- Mrs Wrisley came up in Judge L. Norton's fine waggon-his daughter came up too & afterwards went up street. Warren Sibley-coach man. Went I believe along with Hopkins to Rockwood's and to Pratt's on errands. Bass logs not sawed. Nelson Duncan was said to have clandestinely withdrawn himself from these parts-was also reported to have sold 4 hd cattle,which,according to strictness in law,had no right to sell,very low to Willard Bates of Pownal.

TUESDAY,JUNE 11. Not over warm in the beginning- but became extremely so before night-cldy-wind steadily from E. Rain expected-thund'd & light'd at a distance. Thermometer not accurately observed. Merc.say 62°-78°- perhaps higher-70°-at sunset. Geo.P.conveyed 10 bhls of rye to Walbridge's mill which was ground for cows on contract-he bargained with B W Jackson for a pair of coarse shoes- attended to some other calls. Hopkins & self were left alone at home. Erected an eavesspout or trough over the roof of the old house barn-to carry off the water falling from the S sides of the old barn roof- Made a spout by boring holes say nearly 2 inches deep into a piece of spruce scantling-& beating them out with a narrow axe- so as to form a pretty fair channel for removing water in to the tin sink- Mr. Fillmore came home with the colt which had proved so a masterly unruly that he would keep him no longer. Had kept him 3 months & 3 days from 9th Mar.inclusive.

FRIDAY,JUNE 12. Our long E wind at last brought us a rain at about 6 o'clock P.M Was really wanted-hwavy thunder off S. Merc.68°-72° 78°-85°-74°-70°- Geo. with team & scraper on the highway-or rather without team,but the scraper was in the public service. G.House & John Searls,hands

on the road-dined here- the former could remember many facts which occurred in our youthful days. Dairying gave me business in the former part of the day-P.M.plaster was sown on oats. Hopk's rode with his grandpa- subsequently aunt Lydia & Adeline went to H.Waters- Cows were up early-gave fine quantity of milk- Hemon Robinson with ox & horse teams-David Rockwood with the former & little Fred-with the latter drew flat stones for flagging & otherpurposes from the genl's woods- The gen'l himself was out a part of the day superintending business. Ira Loomis who had been for some ~~time~~ weeks visiting his relatives & friends in Bennington,Wmtown's & vicinity-accomp'd by his lady-took his final departure-ultimately to remove from his present residence in the W. part of N.Y. to Ohio- I felt a wish to see him-had spent many a day in school with him-he was born in Dec.1783.

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Sat. June 13. Damp-warm-sour,cldy-showery-wind mostly N-but little thunder-Merc. say 68°-70,-76°-82°-83°-77°-70, No business of special importance.Some improvement made in regard to keeping curds cool-over night. The Buck's cow's calf was butchered-giving us the use of the 34th cow in the dairy. Father rode in the waggon in to the cow pasture along with Hopkins-Said he liked the appearance well-grass very flourishing-returned well satisfied with the expedition- Afternoon Adeline & Hopkins rode to Pownal & returned with Miss Susan Bannister- who first introduced herself into our business at night by milking 4 or 5 cows. Rec'd a load of hemlock boards from Benj.F.Fay-by order of Benj.R.Sears A Paddy drove the team & informed me that there was 629 feet inch hemlock-a part of them of good quality enough-Vegetation appeared wonderfully recruited & brightened up since the late rains. Mrs Electa Duncan was said to be on the point of removing,for good,to Scipio-N.Y.-going to leave on Monday next. We had been expecting a visit from her for many weeks past.

SUNDAY,JUNE 14. Showery-cldy-chilly-wet-Wd N. I believe- Merc.68°-72°-76°-56°

Girls conveyed to meeting- Father rides with Hopkins to Sophia Duncan's- Sees,converses with & takes leave of our good cousin Electa who for the last 30 years had resided within from 7 to 3 miles of us & been always on terms the most friendly & endearing-now late in her 61st year was going to spend the remainder of her days with her son Dewey at Scipio. her husband inclusive. She was born in a small plank house, (down many a long year since)which her father,A.Stone occupied when he carried on the Tannery,lately owned by T C Parsons-but which passed from Archibald Stone to Elijah Boardman-from him to Street & Gove-afterwards wholly owned by the former-then it reverted back to the Administrator of the estate of E.Boardman. The late John B of Troy,N.Y.from whom it passed by regular transfer to T C Parsons. From him by mortgage

it fell to Seth & Hiel Parsons- They kept it some 10 or 12 years & in 1833 sold it to Judge L.Norton for $250. Chatfield in 1807 bo't it at $750. Now after so much said of the place in which this lady was born,let me state that she was born early in Jan 1775. She was this P M conveyed by B.Loomis to Mr Daniel's where she calculated on spending the night-to go to Troy on the following day. Rec'd short visit from I.B.Dewey-I wrote some- Perused newspapers-looked in the Cyclopaedia &c- Father felt some alarm respecting his cough.Charles Doolittle formerly Editor & printer of the Vermont Gazette who in the early part of 1825 committed a serious crime in the Post Office Department,of which he was then a petty officer-having since rec'd a full pardon from J.Q.Adams-President of the U.S. & being at this time a regular clergyman-this day preached a sermon to the people of the Central Parish in the old Congregational meeting house- It was in the afterpart of the day-if I rightly unders't it-

MONDAY,JUNE 15 Fair-inclining to hazy-Quite cool-Merc.43°- Noon-70°-52°-

9 in the evening- Lane leading from the dwelling to the highway- plowed & rounded up turnpike fashion- Hopkins rode out with his grandfather-Afternoon,having seen in press the largest cheese made the present season-reckoning to this date only- rode away with Mrs Harwood.Made calls at L.Patchin'& Co. & at Enos Adams E.Village- thence to the Furnaces- Made silent call at the house of Bradford Godfrey-Nobody at home/ Mrs.H.,while I was away,on business,visited the lady of L.Ayers. Found Hiral Twiss at the stamping mill. earning about $1 pr day-Did'n know any one I could engage for haying-should any hand present himself- would forward him on to me. Being alone walked over to the Forge which appeared to be in a state of Total disuse.lonesome,desolate- Continued walk round by coalkilns to furnaces-just peeped at machinery & the flues or conductor of hot air- Coming down to my waggon saw Ben F Fay who spoke respecting lumber for which Ben R Sears had partly bargained of him to let me have. I didn't give many proofs of giving feeling a spirit of accomodation in the case- Did not tell him so- but really hoped that bargain would not go on -because-did not feel that confidence in F that one honest man ought to,or can repose in another. Started on our return-called at James Harwood's & first learned that his father & mother had cleared the coop & gone to reside by themselves. They were respectfully & pleasantly situated in a small white house formerly owned & occupied by Josiah Crofoot 2d, near Isaac Doolittles-S side of the highway- Rec'd after retracing our steps so far,a small quantity of leather left in their care & came on again-calling at E Adams'-buying 16 cs worth shoethread & taking 2 or 3 pairs ladies shoes to carry home to select 1 pr to buy- At F.Blackmer's got on cr-1/2 g L.Oil & some pieces of window paper-to select from-the same as amongst the shoes- Played drily on flute owned by S S Scott-After getting under motion for home-halted

& paid to the wife of Burrel Day-4/o due for 2 bhls lime-bo't some time since of her husband. Mr.Isaac Judd assisted S. H.Brown at shearing sheep. No time to read. Sat up late-writing.

TUESDAY ,JUNE 16 Chilly S.wind-cldy-rained at hight. Merc.53°-66°-68°-70,-64°
Spent A M on lane-Hopkins rode with grandpa. ,P.M. I rode on coal errand to Pownal-waiting upon father to S.Wager's where he remained during my absence. Crossed over by the old Bill Marsh place-saw one pretty large burying place-halted at a small house not far from the corners to make inquiry-kept onward until arrived at a certain school house some little distance W. of Ben.Barber's-Never was on that road before. Wanted to go to Orren Thompson's-Asked information of a boy who was engaged with others very busily at play,& after hearing him through,requested his name & age- Kimberly was the name-9 years the age-Considered him an intelligent youth. Turned back-took the road leading by Elijah Barber's saw mill, which was in operation-made farther inquiry-Proceed-as directed along the E shore of the pond,which by the way was principally indebted to nature for form & existence- Indeed a Novelist or Poet would be very forcibly impressed with views of this little expanse of water and the surrounding scenery. I have rarely if ever witnes)anything of the kind in my very stinted travels that would at all compare with it. Let those who dispute what is here stated go & see for themsleves. At length reached the dwelling of Mr. Thompson-men gone from home-an old lady-age indeed not so old as myself-peradventure-told me her son was the person who owned & wanted to dispose of coals-On his return from Troy would probably bring me a load late in the pres't or early next week-good quality-chiefly of hard wood as I understood her. Promised if he would deliver good measure & qualtity in said colas- should cheerfully pay money downwithout hesitation- Mr.Chandler had previously learned his price-which was $6-Told the same to me. After leaving T's called at a snug cottage where there appeared to be a plentiful supply of fire wood

1835 Bennington,June 17 1835 and other accomodations & conveniences- found the occupant hoing very fine potatoes,of whom made enquiry respecting roads & soon entered into conversation on a variety of subjects. He proved to be no less a personage than Heman Hall-living with his mother whose age was not far from 70-himself 44-well on to 45 yrs of age. Our talk was long-comprehending a long series of years- Have not time to give even a running thread of this colloquial interview- So therefore will only observe that Heman was an illegitimate child-nephew of the late Timothy Follett who formerly traded as a merchant,built the store, which a few years past had been occupied as a cabinet maker shop,now owned together with the dwelling house & appurtenances by Asahel Hyde Esqr. I say this

said Heman was mostly bred & educated in Bennington-have been to school with him-saw him often in his youthful days. He deemed his uncle's demise to have been peculiarly unfortunate for him,as it is his opinion,had he lived,he would have educated & assisted him in being a man of business. Drove back to the main road over the same ground again. Near the house once inhabited & owned by the late Abner Noble saw with Gardner Bennett,hoeing corn on the old Squire Noble place-old John Staunton,who among other facts stated that his mother was yet alive enjoying good health-85 years of age-himself 65-the former residing somewhere at the West with her daughter that was married to John Noble-who also was alive & doing well. It seems col.Brackenridge was erroneously impressed in regard to the death of N-See Mar 26-Soon after returning to Wager's-father,having rec'd every attention from Mrs W-taken supper & all got ready & we arrived here by 5 P.M.-greatly pleased with his jaunt. See ACCt of H.Waters'fire-Mar 27, 1834-and it will be seen that Mrs Graves,now Mrs W was most useful & active in that affair. Mr.Fobes forepart of the day-delivered for B R Sears on contract-620 feet hemlock boards-good quality-Girls-Papered south room. Our old friend T.C.Parsons-in good health call'd on us.assisted at milking-tarried all night-meant soon to go to the W.to hunt up Gid. Smedley & wife.

WEDNESDAY (JULY)JUNE 17 Cool with flying clds-
Merc.56°-68°-70°-57°-

evening.Annivers'y of Bunker Hill Battle-1775-being 60 years since exactly. Spent a part of the morning with G.in the garden. Found that worms had considerably injured cabbages. Principal occupation of Geo. & self that of setting posts for shantee in N't barn yard. An errand caused me to visit the upper N't barn of S.H.Brown where himself & hands were employed in shearing sheep. There were my friends J.Judd Sen.,Jac Brooks,E Wright & another young man not recognized by me. I went to see respecting the colt which was among his horses in his pasture-offered to take him away-but Samuel said no-he might remain until he got ready to turn away two or three of his horses into the woods with which he would also be included. Father appeared to be gaining health rapidly- Rode abroad P.M. Hopkins visited E.Village early in the day with expectation of getting a table from Crossett's on H.Waters' Fire Subscription-but failed- However,procured a pair of pumps made for him at Adams' to order-price 75 cs. Neighbor Chatfield was lively,very sociable-assisted at the morning milking-ascustomary whenever here on a visit-Enjoyed a long conversation with him in the ox pasture-he took leave between 9 & 10 A.M. Our hon'd f father felt so smart this(morning) evening as to milk two cows. Chatfield seemed to be very sanguine as to his western visit.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18. Cold morning-pleas't lively weather during remainder of day. Merc. stood at 40°-74°-62°- Anniversary of the first settlement of Bennington-1761-when six heads of families or say six gentlemen accom'p by wives & little ones came on & established a permanent settlement in this then howling wilderness. At some future time assisted by my father, will enter their respective names and endeavor to give some particulars touching that interesting epoch of the History of this town. Geo. Self & son were fully occupied in the erection & completion of Shantee which nearly effected-father a part of the time looking on. He was waited upon during his daily ride by our much respected sister Lydia- Milked 1 cow at night & nearly finished that of another. H. Waters paid his respects to us late in the day- Father being at H. Hall's where H W was at work repairing house-the latter slipped into the waggon the sash of the circular gable end window to be conveyed to his shop- but it was forgotten & brought all the way home-occasioning him this journey after it. In the evening Geo. & Hopkins rode down to Hinsdill's Factory ground to get a pair of shoes made by Benj. W. Jackson for the former. Adeline accom'p to Central Street- No great interesting news in the public prints-Provisions of every kind enormously high in the City of N.Y

FRIDAY, JUNE 19. Great signs of approaching rain former part of the day-Heavy press of wind at S W-many slight showers previous to 4 & 5 P.M. when it sat in to rain more powerfully than had been known nefore in a long time-continuing with little intermission until 9 in the eveg, accom'p by vivid lightning, heavy thunder & a good deal of wind. Merc. 56°-72°-67°-62°-sunset. Roller, plows, harrow & many other things not necessary to mention were safely desposited under the new shantee-N't of the old barn- Sent Hopkins to Shaftsbury with the remainder of the calf skins to the Tanner H. Barton-wrote line stating that Jackson told me he had expected to pay 50 cs apiece for tanning such skins-assured him of my unshaken confidence in him-presuming the work would be well & faithfully executed. Father accom'p him to Capt P. Harwood's-visited there during the absence of Hopkins-afterwards returned home by uncle S. Robinson's-bringing Adeline with them. P.M. Geo. visited E. Village- bo't of En's Adams lbs sole leather & calf skin for which paid in full $3.65-& besides $2 for Adeline & Hopkins' shoes-nothing farther due thathouse. Fobes, on contract with B R Sears deliv'd 620 feet fair hemlock boards- During the absence of Geo, in E. Village-marched across lots to the house lately the residence of our friend Eli Carpenter-Observed as I was passing through the possessions of Judge L Norton that his men were hoeing in a field of low poor looking corn. At the house or rather in the Carpenter garden saw as one of the town's poor-Andrew's Billy-

employed at Brannack's & afterwards at D.Love's-
Told me he came from th town of Carlew-Ireland-70
miles from Dublin- landed at & resided awhile in
Quebec-L.Canada-then came to Alband & staid there
a year or more-and finally came with Mr. Andrews
to Bennington-say 7 years since. Came over from
Sweet Ireland in 1824- Saw Mrs Jackson with whom
left a minute of Reynolds Carpenter's road taz for
1835-She had been intimately acquainted with &
spoke very favorably of our cousin Mrs Duncan-Saw
that C had worked out more than his rates on said
road- On coming homeward saw & conversed with our
ancient friend Mr.J.Loomis respecting their road
taxes &c which

1835 Bennington June 20 1835 By side the Norton lane-in
the employment of N.Norton-
laying wall which he was preparing to quit on acct
of rain-saw our friend John Harwood-who engaged to
come here soon ,to make up a lot of shoes for the
family-It then rained moderately-but soon after get-
ting home-it came on powerfully-and such a season
for milking we rarely experience-all got well soak-
ed-the poor girls in a special manner were drenched
to the skin- Cheese 17th 106 lbs A foot pedlar who
said his name was Sherman C .Blair-from Blandford,
came in & sold to Susan Bannister 10 1/2 yds plum
col'd silk at 62 1/2 cs-not enough for a dress-
promising to call again in about the 8th July when
his goods would arrive in town-& in case he should
fail of procuring more stuff of the same kind & col-
or to match it-would take back the goods & repay her
the money which she now gave him for it. There was
a small balance in his favor.She rec'd of me $2
Benningtn money on the occasion. He also exhibited
among sundry other articles-silver mounted spectacles
from which mother selected a pair that suited her
eyes remarkably well-but feeling strongly inclined
to suspect his veracity I would not purchase-Price
$2. "All is not gold that shines"says the old Proverb

SATURDAY,JUNE 20 Late in the morning when the
rains subsided-fogs & low clouds
hung about the mountains all day-air extremely chil-
ly-strong,high wind at N.W. Streams unusually swol-
len-but the countenance of vegetation was wonder-
fully improved & cheering. Merc. 40°-54°-49°-
As much time as could be spared spent in writing in
this book. Geo.attended to cheese and other concerns-
That which was made on the 18th weighed 98 lbs.
Anotherlarge one was put in press this day. P.M.
the boys waited upon my father up street-borrowed
of capt.P.Dewey a sett of fleams & near sunset Elihu
Wright came over & bled 4 hd of cows for us. Cold
evening indeed.

SUNDAY,JUNE 21st. Cldy-high steady N.W.wind- So
cold & chilly people feared
having frosts-again busy at writing-but not to the
extent desired-too much dairying for it. Geo & girls

go to meeting- Hopkins waited upon the latter in waggon & returned home again- Saw Wrisley in the road- Mr.Sam'l Keyes of E.Village came here enquiring for colt-On enquiry-told us we could hire during the coming hay season young Downs. Tho's S.Kent happened here. Dr.H.Swift paid his medical respects to my father at night. Merc. 44°-54°-56°-50°-

MONDAY,JUNE 22d. Continued cold.true it seemed to be growing warm about 9 A.M. but the clds soon shut out the sun & held out cold through the day- Merc.46°-56°-52°- might possibly have risen for a short time to nearly 70°- Very cold- Rained at night. Corn E of cheese house hoed 2d time- also potatoes in the garden-beginning those in the N.orchard-Father got so as to hoe a little. Cheese of the 20th weighed 103 lbs. Sold to John Hicks 53 lbs cheese in one made last Fall-rec'd paym't in full at 8 1/2 cs.
Elihu Wright executed more bleeding towards evening.

TUESDAY,JUNE 23d Not many clds-temperate-hardly up to 70°- Merc. 46°-56°-68°-58-59°- Flourishing season for promotion of vegetation. Continued hoeing potatoes. Father attempted the business-but finding himself too weak to proceed-retired & rode away P.M. Geo.brought home the colt from Brown's. Ladies gathered strawberries. All went well in the dairying department. Cheese of 21st 101 lbs. Rec'd ld coals pr teamster from Moses Bushnell purporting to be 100 bhls for which paid down $6- excellent of their kind-containing however rather too many from soft wood- Paid the young fellow at first under the impression that they were forwarded by Mr. Thompson-but of this mistake was soon convinced In the evening let fall a glass inkstand which I bo't at N.Haven-Conn- & used almost daily since (Sept 1815) and broke it to atoms. Rec'd two numbers of the Vermont Gazette & the first number of the Vermonter- just started in E.Village- Saw & perused Mr. V.Buren's Letter to the Baltimore Convention Committee. Very innocent politician. never calculated or thought of being a candidate for the Presidency until this harmless sett of Jackson men informed him through their committee that they had created him such.

WEDNESDAY,JUNE 24. Pretty warm-cldy-rained n't p't town. Merc.53°-81°- or 82°-70°- Measured & placed under cover against E.end of the shed-in a large 2 bhl basket-the coals sent by Bush'll-making out no more 84 bhls-but our measure might have been rather to large- Thompson came from the E part of Pow'l came up with his -which he called 80 bhls- Paid him in full for the same $4.80". After father's usual morning ride-Old Mrs Waters,young Mrs W & children paid a visit here. Mother's new calico gown or say the material thereof was bo't for her with which she appeared highly pleased. Rec'd letter & knives from J.Collins Presho in fine bold business-

hand-dated Troy,N.Y. June 22d or 23rd-1835-Remarks another day- Mrs Katherine-amiable consort of Captain Barnum Whipple arrived here in the evening with her or rather his nephew Abm D.L.Whipple-son of the late John Whipple-from Albany,N.Y.-wanted to enter him at one of the schools here. Cheese made on 22d inst.weighed103 lbs. Our waggon having got broken-S H Brown's every day one was borrowed & used in its stead.

THURSDAY,JUNE 25. Sour,lowery-pretty hot a part of the time-some rainy-thundered withal-wind S.W.- Merc.54°-56°-76°-66°-60°- Corn in S meadow partly hoed- Coals all measured & put up for safe keeping. According to our measurement those brought by Mr.Thompson amounted to 68 bhls-which being added to the 84 pr Bushn'll amounted to 152 instead of 180 bhls as delivered me by those gentlemen. Was,however,taking all circumstances into view pretty well satisfied. Pride kept me from seeing Mrs Whipple until a late hour in the morning- the sole reason being that my beard was long- at least of 4 or 5 days' growth. But there was no getting off-so marched in boldly & conversed with her as if nothing was wrong-telling her frankly why I had refused seeing her sooner. I have not time to write nor memory to retain a fiftieth part of what was talked over. She enquired which of our 3 schools would be most proper for Abraham to attend. Did not speak in high terms of either-but at present preferred Ballard's-So taking Ab'm & Hopks with her in Brown's waggon rode off to see B. She effected her purpose-entering him there for 1 year-To board with us for awhile-say as long as he should choose,provided his uncle acquiesced therewith. After thier return father took his daily ride. In the evening Mrs W.amused us until a late hour giving a regular history of the Dr. Bill Patrick girls-daughters of capt's W's twin sister-Salinda-with whom she had great concern in their youthful days-of J.W. & wife &c &c- An empty fl'r bbl howl'd.

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FRIDAY,JUNE 26. Cldy-hazy-S.W.Wd- During a part of the P.M. very warm- A most flourishing season for growth of grass,grain & vegetables in general. Merc. 59°-73°-79°-65°- Hoeing potatoes in S meadow & in garden-attended to. Mrs Whipple,after giving many motherly directions respecting Abra'm took leave-Hopks' waited upon her up Street-took a turn round through E.Village-up Bank Hill-back to the old Hicks stand now occupied Riddle. A D L Whipple commenced boarding with us this day. Ab'm & Hopkins,besides riding for pleasure, or for whatever we may call it,-in S.H.B's waggon-took ours in tow to Chandler's to be repaired. Amos Bennett of cheese pressmemory,came again to see how we succeeded in the use of that which he left with us about the beginning of the month-Staid all night-.

Father lent a feeble,but most willing hand at hoeing. Abm' in the evening introduced a kind of game,new to us,which he called I played flute some. Cheese of 24th 102 lbs.

SATURDAY,JUNE 27. Sour,warm,cldy-muggy-some little rainy-Clds from S.E.-fog adheres to the summits of mountains- Merc. 64°-70°-66°- Hoeing mostly completed for this time.Some choring attended to. Ab'm had plowed amongst corn & potatoes for us. Price of board not fixed with Mrs W. no farther than that I should have as much as others. Mrs Wrisley & little Sammy came to see us. Father & self started off for Hinsdill's- Halted at F.Blackmer's-& paid in advance $7.25 for 1 bbl flour. Near the corner near the old Sam Fay house on the road leading tow'd Safford Robinson's met Wm.Daniels & brothers in 2 horse wagg. before which were harnessed the mare & horse which he rec'd of us when young-in 1830 towards bounty-constituting nw now a firm serviceable span- Wife & infant son at home doing well. Observed as we got down against Safford's possessions his very fine corn- met & conversed with uncle Samuel- Drove to Hinsdill's-left father in the store- Walk'd over to Beal's to enquire for young Stearns-told me he had let himself to one of the Breese in Hoosick- Good hand,but not to be had at present. B.spoke respecting the dairying concern-how heavy the cheeses &c-bringing it round at last so as to mention my journalizing which I owned to him was a dry thing enough-hardly up to an old Almanac. Called to see Ben.R.Sears now engaged at wood work of Deac' H's stone meeting house- the dimensions of which occupied on the ground-40 by 60 feet- Masonry performed by C.Gilson & hands for the sum of $380- Saw & spoke with Mr.G- Returned to the store- Bo't ten pounds brown sugar-booked at 10 cs pr lb- While absent friend N.Edgerton had waited upon father all through the factories situated near the store,greatly to his delight & amusem't for which he felt himself largely indebted to our friend. Just as we were coming away handed Mr. Hooker's Rec't for Salary paid as stated (March 31) to J.N.Hinsdill-Church Collector of Minister rates. Before we came away-saw our cousin Hiram Harwood seated in a 2 h. wagg.with several ladies. As we arrived in the Street took in the bbl flour just alluded to-at F.B's-pd in full. Bro't home the old wagg.from Chandler's-tinkered to order- leaving friend Samuel's under his wagg.house after running it more or less 3 days-Cheese of 25th 92 lbs- Rec'd very pretty letter from Mr.Wight dated W'ms Coll. June 23,1835.

SUNDAY,JUNE 28 Damp&cool-Wd S.Cldy-Large thund. shower late in the eveg. Mercury stood from 58°- to 70°-67°- Differed little from other Sabbaths in regard to events.All the younger members of the family went to Church with the excep-

tion of Miss Bannister- Mr.S.K. came here early in the evening-Having accomplished the ordinary calls of the day composed a reply to J.C.Presho's letter of the 23d inst.-Too much behind hand to give its contents. Commenced writing Wight. B.R.Sears paid us a visit paid his respects to us late P.M.

MONDAY,JUNE 29. Showery during A.M.-flying clds and chilly remainder of the day-Merc. 56°-68°-62°-. The removal of an old fence, old hogpen & ash house took place. Father took his usual ride- Young Adeline Waters was bro't down-Hopkins got bhl corn ground at D's mill-had mare shod at H.Norton's- A.D.L.Whipple began attendance at Ballard's School. Mr.David Card came looking for 3 yearlings-which from his description we knew we had seen in our woods-pasture-were glad to know the owner. C.dined with us-assisted in removing shantee-Offered to come & make up our shoes-Not accepted. Rec'd late N.Y.papers. Cheese of 27th 93 lbs-Cows seemed doing well.

TUESDAY,JUNE 30th. Cloudy & singularly cold all day. Merc. pretty stdy at 53°-54°-fell to 50°- Eight rods board fence E.of the cheese house built- Father manifested a strong disposition to assist,but it was too cold for him to be out long at a time. Mr.John Vail,who had but lately recovered from an attack similar to that of my father,came see the dairy-talked with us & with mother on Religion. Boys up Street in the evening. I read from Commodore Porter's Letters published in N.Y.Spect. some queer descriptions of dress among the Turks which caused the girls (Ad & Susan) & me to laugh most heartily-Was not shaven on Sunday. Cheese 28th-93 lbs-29th 96 lbs

WEDNESDAY,JULY 1st. Remarkably cold,gloomy & black-great disposition rain-sharp north winds-Merc. 45°-62°-60°- Picking up day- Brush fence repaired. Colt turned into woods-Rode with father to S.end Highway Dist- to the E.Carpenter house on an errand of no great account- On the way thither saw S.Loomis working with his team-Complain of ill usage from John Duncan Jun'r who had left him for good after having hired to him during the season & had actually worked for him between 2 & 3 months-tho' to be sure rather unsteadily-Wanted to engage another hand forthwith. Turned to the right-extending our ride to G.House's-Gideon from home-Lydia very sociable- tried to persuade her when disposed-to pay us a visit- Considered it very uncertain-Had,until a few years since,felt as if poverty must be a bar against her (in-the) enjoyment of society-but she had now got the better of that sort of feel'g-and thrown it all aside. On the way home halted at Eunice Jewett's-conversed busily with Miss E on the various ups & downs of farming business-Complained of the Rockwoods for suffering their numerous flock of sheep,during the early part of the season,to break into her enclosures-

Put a stop to it by confining them in a close yard-sending word where they were & when they came after them-extorting a promise of renumeration-at the same time expected nothing-hoped,however,it might go so far as to cause them to keep out their sheep. These people had,some short months since,purchased of L. Patchin Esqr.,all the S.part of the Lawrence Farm as lately owned & occupied by the Green family-pastured their sheep there & fed the pasturage so amazingly close as seemingly to render them barren the remainder of the season. While we were thus engaged,father & the wid'o were equally sociable.

1835,Bennington,July 2,1835 The conference ended- we soon came home-Geo.went to bed indisposed. Cheese June 30-102 lbs- During the month of June quantity of cheese as weighed from the press-the produce of 33 1/2 hd cows-amounted to 2802 lbs-During the same month-1834-from like number of cows there were 3042 lbs-difference in favor of the latter 240 lbs.

THURSDAY,JULY 2. Commenced cold-wound off warm at night-Sun remarkably colored at rising and a good while afterwards-some cloud or other dark body was observed to cross his face about 6 in the morning- His rays were obscured in a manner during the whole day by some kind of vapor floating in the atmosphere-Broken flying clds-wind variable from N.to S. Merc. 46°-50°-68°-70°-72°-66°- at 10 in the evening. Not much going on at home.G.& Hopkins visited E.Village. had cart,scraper &c repaired at H. Norton's-learned that Colvin had not (repaired) sawed the butternut laft at the mill last winter. Father undertook to ride with the boys on this occasion,but after encountering the cold blasts for sometime-gave it up & returned home. Wrote a reply to Mr.Wight's letter of June 25- It was my 3d attempt-let him have as good as I could muster-Suspect my letters to be all off the same piece. However that may be-too much nicety in the composition of a mere everyday letter spoils it. We expect a friend in a letter to appear unaffected,easy,natural-just as if conversing face to face. The boys returned just before my letter was brought to a close. About 1/2 past 2 P.M. started with wife for Hinsdill's-halted at the Andrew's place visited C.B.Matthews in the field plowing among the potatoes- Anthony g Haswell & others present-Engaged the former to work in haying at $20. Drove on to B. R.Sears-saw his lady & boy-the former not over stout-looked the worse for wear. Reached Hinsdill's in season to transact what business we wished to do. Bo't up a number of small articles including bottle of ink (1/c) & 2 glass inkstands (at 6")-amt of bill 95 cs-booked. Saw & spoke with B R Sears at whose request bort 6 lbs brown sugar to his lady-the same being added to his acc't at the store- Leave being given by N.Edgerton brought home "Rush on the Diseases of the Mind". Cousin A.D.L.Whipple rec'd through the Post Office a kind letter from his uncle Barnum W. of

Albany-approving of his choice of a boarding place giving some friendly advice-&c. Cheese July 1-100 lbs

FRIDAY,JULY 3. Appearance of the sun much the same as on the 2d at rising-Day fair & quite warm. Merc.64°-72°-80°-74°- There were signs of drought- With G.P.Harwood,John Searls,& Calvin Fay worked on the highway-from say about 9 in the morning until at least 4 P.M.(4) Let it be explained that these young men were actually employed on the road during the hours named excepting the usual allowance of time to take dinner. Care of cheese kept me from joining until a late hour in the morning. The principal operations were confined to the Dr.Fay Hill- Father too was present most of the time-Searls,who worked for Eunice Jewett & Fay ,in like manner for his father-dined with us. E.Fay Jun'r wife & daughter attended an early Friday meeting. Cheese of July 2-94 lbs. Adeline,Susan & Hopkins went strawberrying in the old Street pasture. Read in N.Y.Spectator a statement relative the Shakspeare Forgeries-by Ireland-Do not recollect his two Christian names- It was curiously & ingeniously done.

Heavy reports of evening guns were noticed in various directions. It was said that the citizens of Bennington E.V. had bo't & mounted a piece-for Celebration.

SATURDAY,JULY 4. Cloudy-not clear scarcely any part of the day. Rain much wanted & confidently looked for-but there was only a smart sprinkling.Thundered off S.W.-Corn growing now rapidlyMerc. 64°-80°-79°-70°-Thunders of artillery heard in all directions- The foreneon was spent in repairing a small bridge this side L.Jewett's barn- Levy himself lending a helping hand - He amused us most thrillingly telling over his boyish deeds in former days & some other incidents of later date- The bridge on the Fuller road across the Jewett Brook being in a very crazy condition was examined & very slightly repaired. Father went down with us-calling on uncle Elijah Fay & spending a half an hour or more in conversation with him. Ascertained one fact which in itself was not important but regarding the age of the person & the length of time since it occurred-it may be worth niticing- He was at the raising of the frame of the house in which we now reside-about the latter part of 1769- Rec'd a blow on one of his thighs which lamed him sometime afterwards. The old gentleman appeared cheerful & apparently enjoyed good health. Several persons of his connexion & acquaintance called on him in the course of the day among whom would mention Solomon & Sam'l Safford Esqrs.,Mr. Loomis-besides my father. After our return home no famous exploit was wrought-the old wooden horse block was covered with a large flat stone-some repairs effected-lumber piled in heaps ready for use another day. Saw Ab'm's letter which he rec'd from lawyer Hawley of

Albany concerning his choosing a Guardian-addressed to him previous to the completion of his 14th year-Candid,fair,good- Became accidentally acquainted with that gentleman on board the Albany Steamboat last October-liked him well. A foot race was run in E.Village- S.L.Godfrey,Jun'r was one of the competitors for the purse of $40- Two boys in N.Bennington, where the Jackson Party & others held celebration, were dreadfully wounded by discharge of gun-belonged near Irish Corner. Ab'm & Hopks visited Furnace in waggon-saw the sports of Algiers. Ira B.Dewey came this evening & shewed us a letter from his folks in Hopkinton of recent sending-though of old date. E.H.Chapin Orator of the day at N.Benning'tn.

SUNDAY,JULY 5. Warm-some little wet-only rained very sparing here P.M. 3/4 day extremely warm-grew cool tow'd evening. Merc. 64°-79°- perhaps 80°- 70°- at sunset. Dairy affairs of course rec'd first attention. Read through story of Shakspeare Forgeries. Bro't up Jour'l to June 15. News was brought of the sudden demise of our old neighbor Mr.E.Fay in about the 88th year of his age. He went to bed apparently well,excepting a slight touch of cholic on Saturday evening-next morning, found a lifeless corpse-having died in his sleep without a struggle-The deceased had lived more than half a century without performing a whole days work at any sort of employment-very eccentric in his way of life-never within that period known to go as far North as the meeting house-nor did he go from home at all excepting on some rare & seldom occasions. He fought at Bennington Battle & stated not long since to G.P. who called on him on purpose to question him respecting the affair-that he belonged to the party that went round to the north & as they made the attack the enemy seemed wholly unprepared-scarcely making any resistance in their works-which they left precipitately-retreating down the hill at full speed.

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MONDAY,JULY 6. Fair-atmosphere a little tinged with smoke-sun red at rising-Flying broken clds-Very warm until tow'd conclusion of the day-then became cool. Merc.56°-60°-67°-62°-Hoeing corn. P.M. attended uncle Elijah's funeral which drew together a numerous & respectable audience. many individuals were relatives or connexions of the deceased. If leisure would permit the names of many of these & others should be entered but as it is must omit (it) them at present. Many aged persons were there & Mr.Hooker adapted his discourse more particularly to their standing in life-Text 14th Job 12th verse. Our friend Sam.Scott Sen'r accomp'd me down to the house of mourning. W.Haswell Esqr took upon himself the direction of affairs selecting suitable persons for bearers &c- Those were old Mr.Chandler or to set their names according

to age should read-J.Loomis Sen'r,A.Hubbell Esqr., L.Chandler,N.Swift,S.Scott,L.NortonEsqr., & H.Harwood- the last never before officiated in that solemn capacity. All due form & decency was preserved throughout unto the lowering of the coffin into the grave- thanks being returned in the usual way by firends of deceased (by) through our worthy pastor-Mr.Hooker-the rest was left to Mr.Sexton Haswell & assistant-procession dispersed. Made call at F. Blackmer's store where Mr.Scott,A.Rob.Esqr-& capt.P Dewey enjoyed the moment in lively conversation-not a little was said respecting sleep-restlessness a-nights. In the course of Mr.S's remarks he brought in these words to express absence of thought or a sort of vacuity of ideas. "Almost in a perfect state of nudity." Geo.Ad.& Hop's visited Street-evening Returned with the Vt.Gazette in which was published the proceedings of the Celebration party-N.Benng'tn Ed (W) H.Chapin-Orator of the day- At request of cous.G. read over the toasts in audible voice- Disliked some of the volunteers most bitterly. Not candid at all.

TUESDAY,JULY 7. Cool red morning-sun appeared unusually large-hot day ensued-faint S.wind-evident signs of rain-few clds-Merc 56°-75°-80°-82°-78°- Hoeing potatoes-assisted by father-There were some curious facts in the Spec's along about these days. Read of a singular thief who took everything that came in his way-lately arrested in Boston.

WEDNESDAY,JULY 8. Cldy signs of rain. A slight wetting was the only result-all passed off in light flying clds- Air a part of the time cool-W. mainly N. Merc. 63°-60°-70°-64°- Hoeing potatoes in N.orch'd contin'd- Self & Hopkins managed plowing concern between row. Father out part of the day. A.D.L.Whipple absented himself from School to enjoy the reading of favorite Novels. S.H.Brown came with his friends Olin & Uel Hicks to look at dairy-they did so & I believe were well pleased. The papers informed us of a dreadful tornado which occurred in the central Counties of N.J ersey on the 25th June-no I mean on the 19th said month when there was a good thunder storm in these parts-when grt damage was done in Petersburgh,Hoosick & elsewhere by the unusual rise of streams. Read story of Lady Stanhope whose location was Asiatic Turkey not far from Sidon if my recollection be correct. Mr. Finn from W.Rutland arrived & staid over night-reported the surviving members of uncle's C.'s family to be in good health & doing well. Said he was about 27 yrs of age- Very readily gave assistance at milking.

THURSDAY,JULY 9. Cldy-slight rain-reamined more or less cldy all subsequent part of day-Wind some part of the time S.& again N. air pretty cool. Mercury 59°-70°-66°- Finished off hoein. father taking part in the business-vastly more cheer-

ful than for a few days past. Mr.Finn went,after breakfast, in pursuit of employment.sent him to Loomis! Our old friend John Harwood took seat here at making shoes for the family. Mrs Sally Harwood joined widow Kent in paying Mrs Zadock Sibley a friendly P.M.visit. Some good things in Spect.July 2 Abra'm & Hopk's rode together up street-conveying home Miss Luddy Waters-bringing home from the Post Office a present from our esteemed friend Mr.Wight-being a printed handbill-giving the Order of Celebration on the 4th by the Soph.Class-Wm's College-to which was attached a pretty poem-by J.A.W.- Perused & liked it well.

FRIDAY,JULY 10. Temperate-even almost to coolness-Rained very handsomely until about noon- Mercury 60°-64°-74°-64°-- Wind N. Business at home not the most consequential that ever was. Boys cleared barns ready for haying. Mr.J.Harwood continued making shoes very faithfully. Started off for the W.part of Benningt'n along with father- Two bhls rye were shipp'd for Walb's mill,which got ground there before our return. Saw Aunt Robinson at the old Roach house-now occupied by her son Edwin-Instead of going to the W.as she had calculated upon-only went as far as Troy-could get no farther for want of funds-confined to the City for 4 or 5 days, until heartily sick of the place-would not be shut up so there again on any acct whatever. Desired us to take her into our waggon & wait upon her home. We declined-telling her business necessarily called us another way. Wishing to see Asher Prentis-rode to Mr.Harmon's where found him engaged at painting inside work-Promised toward the end of the ensuing week to build us a horse rake for $1- timber furnished to his hand. Recollections of his father who once resided in this neighborhood-were called up- His name was Asher-three years a soldier of the Revolution-used to hear him relate particulars with which he was acquainted during the investment of Boston-1775-Died in March 1813-of the prevailing Epidemic- aged about 61 years. We went to the mill first-from Harmon's returned there-got grist which was grd to order on contract-came home by Henderson hill-making calls at stores by the way- Rec'd of F.Blackmer Spect. of July 6. While at Mr.Harmon's father enjoyed the cheering conversation of old Mrs H. who though 76 appeared remarkably smart & cheerful- The old gent was pres't very deaf,greatly debilitated-(The former 76) the latter 79-not expected to survive long.

SATURDAY,JULY 11th. Fair,and the cold of the morning being off-proved very warm-particularly from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Merc.45°-mg.60°- evg. Rode with my father to the old Gardner house near the Line Bridge-said house being noted for the tragical death of the lady of the gentleman of that name-while the joiners were employed in finishing it off. She hanged herself by a skein of yarn in a close apartment

in the cellar. All operations in the building line ceased & thus remained ever since.. It is the first dwelling in Petersburgh after passing the bridge. Formerly the road passed the W. side toward which it fronted-but some twenty years since a freshet swept away the road in such a manner that it was deemed best for the public interest to turn the highway farther E. more toward the stream-much lower down the declivity where it now

1835,Bennington,July 14-1835 runs-consequently crossing the rear to become the front part of the house. Its exterior was pretty showy for the day in which it was erected (1806)-but time & neglect have wofully preyed upon it- & unless repairs are soon applied partial ruin must ensue. The outbuildings are tolerably convenient & not very badly run down. The shed on the opposite side of the way is quite modern-being erected by the late owner with the view of keeping public house-but the business was never set up. The gentleman&s name was Reynolds whose prodigality or some other vice that costs time & money-had caused use for so much of the latter that it in a manner banished him off the place-which is now in the hands of (our dairying friend-Staunton Wilcox) the Hon. Elish's R.Potter-Rhode Island-whose tenant- Mr.Staunton Wilcox- carries on as a dairying establishment-keeping some sheep beside- managing it at the halves-yielding an income to the owner of $500 or $600 annually- Had contracted dairy for the present year to a merchant of N.Y. at $6 3/4 if I mistaken-not-delivered free of transportation- to the buyer in N.Y. -in boxes for which rec'd 15 cs a piece every fortnight. Mr.W. rec'd us very kindly- was sociable & agreeable-Dined with him- It appeared that he was warmly engaged at hoeing-his neighbor,Deac-Brimmer & boys being so employed for him by exchange of labor. The deac. said grace at table-talked much with father-informing him among other facts that the gaul of eels was good to pour in the ear to restore the hearing faculty- cited two or more instances of successful experiment to confirm the assertion-one of which was in the person of his father who could afterwards hear as well as he ever did- so continued to the hour of his death which was at about 80. This gent & Mr. W. had been to the W. early in June as far as the town of Marcy-Mowhock country- within twenty or thirty miles of Utica.Distant from Peters'g 120. Fine grazing land-none in our District up to it- Thither these two neighbors were going to remove with their families within a few short months. The cooper was there making up a lot of boxes for safe conveyance of cheese. An hour after dinner left-just requesting Mr. W. to inform his cheese-monger respecting our dairy & of course inviting him accomp'd by his lady to pay us visit- Promised he would if his affairs should allow him opportunity. Said cooper had his station under the woodhouse N. of the dwelling Before reaching Mr. W's in going down was saw Stutely Watson-an old schoolmate of mine in the days of H.A.Fay.

driving a load of xotton to the S-spoke with him a few moments- Saw again & briefly complimented him as he was standing within a few feet of Whipple's Barroom-door-where he stopp'd to bait. Also near W's Inn-residing with wife & family in the village- standing in his shop door saw Mr. J.M.B.Spencer-who said he was in good health enjoying full supply of business in his line-shoemaking. With him I became acquainted in 1823-went to Lansingburgh on a curious sort of errand for him Aug 19 same year. Within a year or two past his ill fortune carried him to Windsor Vt-not however on account of the commission of a very heinous crime,though in principle criminal enough. Would state in addition to what has been written above that Mr. Wilcox kept 30 cows-making daily about 80 lbs,at green weight. Went down & came up by way of Pow'l meeting house- hills very steep between it & the river-should suppose the former elevated above the latter-at least 500 feet. Another circumstance to be set down is that we kept out straight forward below the old Ab.Gardner place to the Troy road on going down, but on our return-took the left hand as we left Whipples. Met a man & spike team & boy conveying saw log to some mill. Afterpassing him-requesting information how far it was to Pow'l meetinghouse-supposed he must be no other than Green Potter. Came past the residence of Deac.Ben Gardner- During this ride saw a good many fields of corn-most of which was rather backward-but now what has escaped worms & other impediments was now looking up. Many people were hoing. The best pieces of corn which I could mention in Bennington-grew on the old Henderson farm near the house- now the property of S.White. On J.S.Hinsdill's home lot & on Saff'd Rob's place N. of his house. Our little field E of the cheese house was covered by as nearly a fine growth of that sort as those above enumerated. At Deac.E.Fay's halted to get timber for horse rake-had none. Old Mr.Loomis happened there-told us he had been on to the mountain on foot-had walked smartly without enduring fatigue worth naming. Got home by 6 in the eveg. Hopkins accomp'd by young Ab'm went to Walbridge's mill with 15 bhls rye which ground to provender on conntract. Geo, made begining of mowing. Hiram Blackmer accomp'd by capt P.Dewey came early in the evening.selected a cheese of last Fall's make-a part or all for his own consumption-Told him to let his brother F. weigh it-and leave pay at 8 1/2 cs with him- They looked at cows & big tubs of milk & took leave. Capt.Pliny said he had never witnessed so large a quantity of milk put together at a time-in his life. Uncle J.Harwood obtained leave of absence for a few days. Newspapers pretty barren of important news. Mr.Wilcox said the people of that part of the country to which he was going to emigrate were selling out & removing to the far West as fast as circumstances would permit-their farms were good ones too.

SUNDAY,JULY 12. Warm-cldy-wind S. Rained slightly in the morning-Merc.60°-70°-73°

Wrote-looked in papers & books as usual. Geo.,Hopkins, Abraham & Adeline at church. Sam'l Kyes-first mason of E.Bennington-waited upon Miss S.Bannister in stylish waggon to her mother's near Pow'l meetinghouse. Returned in good season at night. Past noon walked the cow pastures with my father-rponounced the grazing good. Entered Jour'l up to a part of June 19.

MONDAY,JULY 13. Nearly the hottest day of the season-yet were there cool puffs. of N. wind now & then. Near the conclusion of it (the day) a sort of tornado visited us-turning up by the roots an old appletree N.W. part of what is usually called "The N'th orch'd"- most of the trees of which were laid low last winter- overwhelming rail fences-&c. Meant to have put down the name of the tree just spoken of in the proper place but it escaped me. It was no other than the "Grandmather tree". Merc.72°-73° 80°-88°-86°-84°- at sunset 67°- By the N.Y.Spect. learned that this little thund'r gust did much damage at Scaghtikoke Village- blowing off the roof of the bridge-the ruins of which were scatterdd through the streets-no lives lost- & otherwise doing much damage,mischief. Haying was fairly begun- Geo.mowed over two patches of meadow near at hand. Unsuccessful search was had for the cow named-"Little Dun"-first by me & afterwards by Hopkins in the woods. Past noon-Geo.& self & Hopkins rode up to Blackmer's-where saw A.Robinson Esqr,capt P.Dewey,A.P.Lyman Esqr,J.W.Pierce, Isaac Allen & Seth Billington. Rec'd Sepct.of the 9th announcing the death of the venerable C.Justice Marshall at Phil'a on the 6th. There was bo't here on book 1 cask)1/2 bbl lately emptied of wine) 88 cs-L2 Gs. Molasses at 2/6

1835 Bennington July 16,1835 12 Gs molasses at 2/6- 1 scythe & rubstone - $1 & 8 cs. Having completed business here including a conditional verbal agreement with Pierce to come & work for us at $1 per day-returned home. Let it be noted that money in full was rec'd in paym't for 37 1/2 lbs cheese sold to H.Blackmer on the 11th inst. at 8 1/2 cs . Rec'd veal & rennet of H.Wal'b-

TUES. JULY 14- Warm & showery-some heavy thunder Shaftsby & Sanford took it- State of thermometer 71°- or 72°- 82°-74°- Old stoop as we were always used to call it-pattially demolished-N. end rotten-taken down-the part remaining roofed with boards-went on doing the like to house roof-Rolan Mather-journeyman to B R Sears-chief joiner. Hopkins took part in driving nails. Father took his full share in business-repairing fences injured by evening's wind. Procured timber also of Dr.Swift for making rake teeth. Lydia rode to & returned from H.W's bringing home with her the youngest child. Mrs Wrisley gallanted by Warren Sibley made call- Most flourishing season for growth of all vegetables corn more especially Bad time for milking at night rec'd assistance of Mr.Mathers. The fine old cat called " Short" some day

the present month, unfortunately lost one of her canine teeth. The fact is thus recorded at the special request of my daughter Adeline, who has ever felt a lively interest in the well being of that little sagacious domestic, now a few months past 6 years of age.

WED. JULY 15. Continued sour, damp, rainy in moderate way. hardly enough to stop business out doors. At night commenced pouring down-thundering at a distance. Wind S. Roof completed-swing shelf erected & some other trifling concerns attended to. Cost of roof which only covered in rear, estimated at about $20. Quantity of hemlock boards say 2500 ft at $6.-and abt 20 lbs good hedges nails. Employed Mather 2 days. Dairying having been properly looked to footed it to the S, as far as judge L. Norton's- Conversed with the ladies some time as they were attending to various avocations in their line under the W part of the woodshed attached to the dwelling. There were present Miss C. Loomis-old school mate of mine under a succession of teachers-whose names I could mostly give-but not feeling at leisure to do so-will only give place to that of H. A. Fay-who for his time ranked among the first as teacher of Dist. School. Mrs Wrisley & Miss Laura -- the judge's youngest. We resorted to customs of former days previous to the introduction of 1 h waggons when beaux & belles rode to balls & parties on the backs of horses-saddled & pillioned to the life-Though we did not pretend to much acquaintance with the latter furniture-being out of date mostly before we were born. Amused myself some reading Sepct of June 29-Saw Convent book & Bates' book of Lectures on forming a character for young men-author's name do not recollect-Excellent- Saw a son of the late Deac. Merchant pr Pow'l threshing corn off the cob in the employment of judge N. Got home in season to have a hand in milking-very unpleasant task now it was so muddy. Mr. Hooker came down to see & converse with my father-this P.M. On the 13th rec'd 1 load boards on contract with B R Sears 523 feet pr William Adams. Making up the whole to nearly 3000 ft. Mather, by permission, carried home a favorite kitten when he left for Shirkshire at night.

THURSDAY, JULY 16. Weather changed. much cooler-cont cloudy-Merc. 62°-72°-78°-59°-late-Butchering the handsom cow called Long Island-bo't of S D Walbridge in Mar 1834. In fine condition but spoiled for dairying-the rear part of her bag entirely dried up-teats withered-giving milk out of the front ones exclusively. Geo.& Hopkins went up Street & marketed beef to various individuals. Returned with sad news from Hoosick. I do not know exactly that they bore the tidings home-my minutes indicate that it was my lady & daughter, who being on a visit at the house of friend Sears became acquainted with the fact that the lady of capt. Leon Sherwood being violently seized

with cholic on Sunday the 12th died on the evening of Monday the 13th-from 55 to 60 years of age- A most excellent amiable woman-Great loss to her disconsolate husband,numerous family & friends. Mr.Giles of Ballard Seminary (being) came here to enquire respecting a pamphlet which I bro't from Williamstown on the first of June-told him how it was disposed of as may be seen by reference to that date-He dined with us by invitation. Harriet Albro came home with wife & daughter. Her business the presn't season was attending school at Bennington Acad. Mr.J.Harwood resumed his seat once more- gave assistance at butchering cow late in the day- Mr.Matthews came to see respecting the time we should wish him to begin work-Agreed to come on the 20th- Dun cow & calf brought home from woods-the latter supposed to be 1 day old. A.D.L.Whipple reads "Ivanhoe". Cheese of the 14th 84 lbs.

FRIDAY,JULY 17. Fine cool morning-elegant & rather warm day.Wd.N. Merc. 50° 76°-80°-78°-70°- Beef first attended to-G.off with hind quarters-212 lbs-sold all excepting 20 lbs-Very good success-rec'd pay for a part-amounting to between $4 & $5. Mr.Harwood was chief cook at cutting up forequarters-of which packed according to recipe about 200 lbs. Sold that man 17 1/2 lbs on A/C. Long Isl'd's beef weighed-fore qrs 219-hind do 212 lbs-total 431- hide 59-tallow 30-the whole lbs 520-which at $5-would bring $26.00 Father attended much to hay which was cut in the neighborh'd of the big S.mead. gate & near the old barn in the N. Mead- Late in t the day it was got in-Hopks leader- Matthews cut the colt's lampased. Mr.Harwood went home at night. Say of the hay there were 1 1/2 tons- The beef was of good fair quality-sold at from 5 to 6 cs pr lb readily

SATURDAY,JULY 18. Pleasn't,very warm about noon-some little smoky-Merc.52°-84°-64°- Haying goes on apace- Hopks assists at mowing-Dun cow calf's killed- Father off to uncle Sam's-conveying to him lbs 5 Hedges nails & 10 of beef round-Returned pretty immediately enjoying a good morning ride. Good horse rake containing 13 teeth & 4 others extra made by Asher Prentis-who is honest,industrious & a cripple for life- paid him in full $1.12 1/2 Miss H Albro & Miss Adeline Harwood were gallanted up street & attended eveg mmetg at Acad. Ira B.Dewey called & tarried the night-very uneasy on account of working at $10 pr month- We were sorry it was so-but told him,all things considered,it was best to stick.

SUNDAY,JULY 19. Three fourths time extremely warm-shower cools air late P.M. Merc. 64°-86°-70°- Father attends service in the pulpit-hears well. Geo,Ab'm & Hopks went to meeting as usual-Adeline returns in the afterpart of the day-having been absent over Sat-n't in the Borough. My employ't not much aside from the usual routine. Miss S.B.redd the company of Mr.K-s. Cousin N.L.Robinson made short

call in the early part of the eveg. C.B.Matthews came on to be in readiness to begin work as previously agreed upon. Bro't 2d No of the Hartford paper-on growing silk. Perused it but little this evening.

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MOND. JULY 20. Hot,sultry,hazy 3/4 day. Good deal rain & thunder-aftnoon.
Merc. at 58°-85°-64°- Pursued haying as well as we could-1800 hay got in C.B.Math's began work-

TUES.JULY 21. Much like 20th but no rain here Much thun'd P.M. & eveg off S.
Merc. 60°-75°-79°-66°- Haying on 4 acre piece-very productive. New horse rake put into successful operation. Mr John Harwood honorably fills his seat. Rec'd a friendly call from our worthy friend A.Hyde whose health was now completely restored. Reported Gen'l Robinson to be down with Rheumatism. The hands of Rich'd Carpemter appared to have been employed on potatoe patch. We enjoyed a singular kind of beverage at supper denominated "Currant Wine".

WEDNESDAY,JULY 22d. Good hay weather-not exactly cldy-Wd mostly N-Merc.60°-79°-80°-70°- Haying went on well- Six tons carted in-3 or 4 more left out done up. Hop'k & self employed with horse rake. John Harwood Esqr having closed his job of shoemaking here-worked the remaining 3.4 of the day at getting up hay with us. On application, made personally by my cousin N.L.Robinson,to become responsible to Dr.N.Swift forthe sum of four hundred dollars-signed a paper requesting the doctor to give our cousin a reccommend to his commercial friends at N.Y. to let him have goods to that amount on six or twelve months credit-(have forgotten the length of time) which he had no doubt he should promptly meet-Made me secure by placing in my hands a promisory note & mortgage on his father's farm-signed by his hon'd father-all done in due form for a sum equal to that which I had become sponsor for. The above transaction took place in the morning-at the same time rec'd a call from a gentleman wishing to examine the dairy-which having satisfactorily done in cous.Nathan's presence he,after saying a good deal on the manner in which the article ought to be put up,transported &c- made me a faint offer-saying,all the while,cheese would go higher in market than it did last season. $7.25 contract in every other respect to be the same as made last fall with Brown- Didn't take him up-nor did he expect me to- Gave me his name & card "Wl-"Wolcott & Gordon Broad St-N.Y. No.107-Produce Commission Merch(s".Wished me not to mention his having been here to other buyers-but to see how I could sell it,& then write them what I take. Said I might expect a line from them by about the first of Sept.
Liked his manner-seemed open,fair,candid- This was Noble R.Wolcott formerly Post M Cheshire,Ms- well acquainted with Israel Cole,wife family & dairy.

Miss L & Miss A Harwood successfully employed themselves gathering black raspberries W of rocks during a part of the morning- Wife & daughter there again P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 23. Continu'd fine for haying-hot sith some cooling puffs N.wd- Merc. 53°-75°-82°-76°-66°- Mowing extended over the quack grd to N. line- Raking mostly executed by horse-power, managed as heretofore. Five tons hay in- Say from 10 1/2 to 11 off the Four acre bit lying against the Rock. John Harwood in our service all day.-went home at night-made settlem't in full for both shoe-mkg & haying for these two last days-by paying $2 Bennington money. Matthews was off this P.M. to attend to military fines-collectible by the hon. capt. Ed. Pratt- Let him have $1 towards wages. Aunt S. Robinson & her friend Mrs Ira Haynes came up on a visit-Bo't of the latter 10 rennets for which paidin full $1.61"- Susan & Adeline went up street looking in the stores for silk to match that which the former bo't of S.C. Blair. Cheese of 22d 95 lbs. Mrs David Card came to see about her husband's yearlings-Related a hardve case of oppressive dealing on the part of our friend Reynolds Carpenter-who according to her statement wrung by force of law $5 out of Mr. C's small pittance. A.D.L. Whipple out of school by leave of Ballard- who suspended school this day on acct of his Summer Term being half expired. Adeline rec'd bill't from Hunt girls to attend Grove party.

FRIDAY, JULY 24. Extremely warm-but excellent weather for our business- Merc. 56°-75°-82°-84°-86°-68°- Principal mowing done on ground bearing wheat last season-Asahel Harwood on again- Horse rake again in motion-Hopkins an excellent hand to ride on such occasions- Father & Mother went to Friday meeting taking our mare into their service. Were however accomodated by Asahel with his to draw the rake. Was called on in the morning by my old friend Eli Carpenter and a neighbor of his from Clarendon th show the dairy- Done- Rec'd flattering compliments in return. Old gent from 75 to 80-said he never saw a dairy of so large cheeses before- Carpenter said he came to let the man see for himself that he might not think he told a falsehood. The venerable man's name was Dyer-formerly from Shaftsbury, originally from Rhode Island. He perhaps had seen as large a dairy-but not of such size, from the same number of cows. At noon Mr. Matthew Huntington dined with us- Informed us that he had purchased the Harmon dairy-would not say for how much. Tried pretty faithfully to persuade me to sell ours, but I kept off-pretty shy-naming no price-did not wish to dispose of it until more was known what the article was worth. So after saying a good deal respecting the old oxen, which he rather pretended to want to buy-went away-Tho' not without telling me he should come again to see me-requesting too to know if I would as lief he should buy it as any one- Answered, yes. Also a little past

noon rec'd short visit from Mr. Samuel Staunton- accompanied by his brother-in-law Thompson- Could stay only a few minutes-of course talking had to be done in haste-Mutual enquiries were made & replied to in manner better understood than described here- Saw the Dairy- Informed us that the large daries in his part of the country were contracted for at 10 cs pr lb deliv'd in N.York- Small dairies going at not less than 6 1/2 cs. Should feel no hesitation in the matter-provided the dairy were his, but that he could get that price for it either in Albany or N.Y. Five tons of hay were got in. Ab'm drove the cattle while they pitched up the hay.

SATURDAY,JULY 25. Warm-to a high degree- Past 3 P.M. rain'd & thun'd a good deal. Merc. stood at 68°-75°-82°-85°-84°-78°-. My grandfather Peter Harwood was born at Concord,Ms,25th July 1735. No good hay weather-tho' warm. Fifteen hun'd hay being drawn in-business was suspended on acct of rain about 3 P.M. A Harwood appeared again-mowed a good breakfast spell with Matthews-kept about business until after dinner & went home-not making out more than half a day. Not far from 20 tons hay had been cut,handsomely cured & snugly stored up to this date. Money in hand this day $62.61 cs- $7.50 out of the same paid by G P Harwood to Hiram Blackmer for 1 bbl flour just bro't in from Troy. Boys all visited stores this eveg.

SUNDAY,JULY 26. Air vastly improved since the rain Pretty warm about noon- Merc. 61°-76°-62°- Geo.P.Chas B., Ab'm D.L.,H.H. & Ad M.went to meeting all day. Father & mother P.M. only- Beside the usual task-read funeral regulations at the burial of Judge Marshall & a part of the Hudson Love suit. W.Daniels & Elisha Wright made short visit.

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MONDAY JULY 27. Fair-fine for haying- Merc.53°-75°-76°-60°- aft.dark. Business was spiritedly carried on in the N.E.quarter of the N. meadow most of which produced well on acc't of recent manuring- A Harwood works the whole day. Handle to horse rake fails-bow put in by A.Prentis who comes just at that mom't to procure timber for 3 rake heads having engaged to build that number of rakes within a given time- Bestowed the timber gratis he charging nothing for repairing rake. Sam.H.Brown's Herrington bull breaks loose-comes bellowing along up the lane-our gentleman making very audible replies-filling his advancing neighbor with the most enthusiastic excitement-Finding the large front gate bolted againat him- he pushed violently againat it-bursting through it instanter with a loud crash leaving the ruins behind him determined to rush into the cow yard where stood his antagonist ready to recieve him- But the meeting (to our little fellow certain destruction) was prevented-one of B's hands pursuing & returning home with the infuriated creature. Thus was broken in pieces-past all remedy

the first & best built, excepting that of H.Waters' erected in the Spring of 1834-large gate, ever framed on this farm. It was the work of Josiah Riley-then one of our neighbors-done in June 1803, & up to this date, in very good preservation. in all probilities would have lasted at least 10 years longer if not more. Six tons hay got in- Heavy where manured- light on old meadow lands.

TUESDAY, JULY 28. S W'd. cldy- some rainy P.M. chilly wind. Two lds hay got in- Remainder of the day devoted to mowing-good deal in Litt.Mead. Asahel Harwood works some over half a day- went home. Aside from cheese concerns paid some attention to papers- Wrote out Journal. Mr.Lawyer Southworth along with his friend A.R.Hyde paid us a brief visit. Gen'l David Robinson reported to be quite ill. Hopkins goes to Harmon's for Mrs Kent-recieves & gets ground at the Walbridge mill a grist of rye which is then safely conveyed to that lady's house. Matthews does something at breakg colt.

WED, JULY 29, Wet & rainy all the morning- more or less cldy until about 4 P.M. when the sun came out most cruelly hot-heat 82°- in the shade. Fine growing season. Merc. 62°-75°-76° 82°-72°-at sunset. While the weather kept the boys out of the meadow, they constructed a light barn ladder. As soon as regular business could be pursued, they went to mowing-held on through the day- Father & Hopkins visited E.Village- the latter ~~to-go-the-very~~ hated to go the very worst kind, but on my telling him there was no retreating, no backing out- he went with rather bad grace. Insisted more upon this thing because I wanted to gratify father in his wish-meant to have my son see it in tha t light also. 1 qt C. brandy rec'd at store of J.Norton &c, balanced all accounts there. After their return father gave some assistance at mowing- Hopkins found his friend Warren Sibley-who came home with him & took part in capering with the colt- Self & wife started for Hinsdill's-called at Post Office- recieved letters & 3 newspapers enough to make a bill of postage up to 37 1/2 cs-pd. The papers were from our good friend J C Presho- 1 letter from our esteemed friend, J.A. Wight-July 19-to 21- The others were to Adeline- 1 from Miss Barton of Rupert-Vt. the other from Ellen Parsons- containing another still from Miss Mary Patrick on same sheet. The first mentioned of all the aforesaid letters was read as we advanced through the Henderson woods seated in the waggon- Seemed to enjoy pretty good health-but not suited with a Summer Term in College-little too many scrapes, as we say going on among the students-one of whom on a recent occasion had bearded the Faculty- to the no small exultation of his comrades- He wrote of turning farmer-of reading a variety of books-of his anxiety to know all about our business in farming & dairying- who worked for us in haying & so on- Halted at Mr.Elisha Pool's talked some time with him & his wife who informed us

that the Harmon dairy was sold to M.Huntington at $8 on delivery at the cheese house.
On arriving at Hinsdill's took up goods on cr't to am&t of $6.86. waited upon chiefly by Warner Edgerton & Wm.Hinsdill- just name over, if you please, the articles composing said bill- 7 1/2 yds two kersey-at 15 cs-$1.13- 4 lbs raisins o/1-67 cs- 4 1/16 lbs tea-at 46 cs- $2.00-- 1 run & 1/20 yarn-at 3/o-53 cs-1 Pitcher-o/9-13 cs- 1 doz steel pens at 2/6-42 cs - 11 lbs sugar $1.00- Two yds straw carpet-67 cs----- 1 Quire ruled letter paper-o.31 cs- came home by uncle S.Robinson's- halted there a mom't to converse with Aunt Sarah & cousin Emily- Saw a number of men enggged in stretching a string piece across the river N. of Saff'd Robinson's-supposed it was merely for a foot bridge. At L.Patchin's & C&s made another call & took up another small lot of goods-am'tg to about 94 cs.booked- P.L.Robinson not present-G.Squires waited upon me- The articles were 1 penknife-last in the pack-had been selling at 50 cs- I had it at 46 cs-Two paper spectacle cases at 10"- $o.20 cs- One qr writing paper-ruled-25 cs- but after carrying it home & writing a few lines on a sheet thereof-within a short period sent it back. Reading much carried on here this eveg.

THURSDAY, JULY 30. Cldy-not good weather for haying-Merc. 60°-82°-80°-76°- Three & a half tons hay from N't Meadow got- All went on bravely- Extra hands being A.Harwood & D.Perry- the latter came late in the morning- Much done in Little Meadow. Got time to write more to Mr.Wight-amongother facts stated that the North M. produced upwards of 31 tons hay the prest' season- Had something to say of dairies- requesting information in regard to the Adams dairies- Inserted what is stated herein on the 24th inst. Spoke of letters from Ellen P. & her friends Mary Patrick & that from Andrew C.Parsons- S.H.Brown had a large slice of mowing shaved E. side of the road-Fay Farm- Mother visited at H.Waters'-waited upon home by A.D.L.Whipple in 1 h.waggon. Miss Laura Norton took tea with Miss A.M.Harwood-was afterwards conveyed home in waggon by A.D.L.W.-Adeline being of the party-Borrowed- Ladies Own Book of the young lady just mentioned. Very rpoper thing-many excellent articles in it. Up late writing letter to our good friend Wight. Invited him to visit us soon.

FRIDAY, JULY 31st. Began thundering most majestically early in the morning-rained powerfully- & again of the "Great Sort"-P.M. occupying two or three hours time-S.wind-Very warm most of the day. Merc. 72°-82°- 67°-. Weather so bad for haying that business suffered vastly in the backward way. Improved a short interval of this rainy morning in finishing a long letter to Mr.W. in which every particular thought

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of was given supposed interest-

ing to him. This took place at the Brick Shop while Mrs Gilson & numerous family were at breakfast. They-or say Mrs G. agreed to hand it to the stage driver whenever he should come along. Eighteen hundred hay only got in. Boys up Street eveg. Saw a kind of fracas at Riddle's-between the landlord & some prince of the bottle-nothing serious ensued. Sent paper back to Patchin's- Father & Mother attended Friday Meeting. Quantity of cheese made during the month of July-2733 lbs--78 less than in July 1834-

SATURDAY,AUG.1st. Cold cldy morning-wind N.W.- People in general I suppose calculated on having fair weather,or if otherwise,that the rains were over- But not so- After getting the major part of our hay in fine order to be taken in & we may presume the same of other farmers there suddenly came on from the N.W. a copious thunder shower-taking us just after dinner as we were then engaged in loading the cart. No more hay making this day. Merc. 59°-60°- Did not observe thermometer at noon. Harwood & Perry were with us again until after the rain when they leaned for home. A small bit of rye was cut-mowing the Little Meadow was finished,hay turned up &c- While employed at scraping barn yards afternoon- friend Mathews rec'd a Writ in favor of Parkers in Pownal by the hand of Constable Burlison-backed the same- the sum assumed therein being $10. M.wondered that his friends-the P's-should serve him thus,as the demand was small-not exceeding three dollars-- Court to be on some day of the first week in Sept at the law office attached to their tavern house. E.Waters Jun'r from Troy made a very brief call here before noon- Reported all well-Came out in 1 h.wagg. to wait upon Mrs Fassett to gen'l Robinson's-probable to see her grandfather.

SUNDAY,AUG 2. Fine & cool-bordering on the hazy- Merc.49°- in the Mg- 60°- at dark- Kept writing mainly- Paid some regard to papers- perused a part of Mr.Livingston's Dinner Speech-deliv'd at the City Hall N.Y.- Likewise looked at the Letters of Mr. G.G.Barnard & Miss M.H.Power- In the evening we worked awhile at doing up hay. Most of the family visited church. Mrs Harwood & girls visited Mrs Kent's eveg.

MONDAY,AUG 3. Cold,cldy-have thund.shower at the N.P.M. Merc.46°-73°-60°-56° Hay all got in,rye stooked & some mowing done in S. mead. Now in barn 37 7/20 Tons hay according to our best judgment. As'l Hyde sups here- rides S.with Miss A.M. up the Carpenter road-returns before dark-Soon to leave town-Ladies Own Book suited me well.

TUESDAY,AUG 4. Cold to an alarming degree. Everybody shivered in the morning & found fault at it at night. Flying ragged clds-Wd N. Merc. 36°-64°-66°-58°- Four tons,7 hund hay gath'd on flat near walnut tree-S.Mead.good quality.

Cousin Octavius Harwood came with cous.Emily Robinson on visit.. Boasted of pedling making good bargains wrestling &c while assisting some at raking after cart & otherwise. Hay chiefly raked up by horse rake S.H.Brown recently furnished himself with a double revolving horse rake- also had erect new hay barn on five acre piece on the hill some few rods S.W. of the tall elm. Am sorry to add that three of his horses not unfrequently broke out of his woods pasture into ours-robbing a pair of first rate oxen of what justly belonged to them. This should not thus continue. Cheese made this day weighed 100 lbs next morning-heaviest we ever made so late in the season-

WEDNESDAY,AUG 5. Continued cool with broken clds-Pleasant- Merc. 43°-64°-72°-60°-56°- Three tons more hay cut E.walnut tree quite to S.H. Brown lot. Raked mostly with horse rake. Father & Hopkins worked nobly well. Cows milked early at night. Younger part of the family includ' wife attended evening Concert at Meeting house. Geo. & Matthews did not go.

THURSDAY,AUG.6. Broken clds-some indications of rain Merc. 50°-75°-77°-68°- Three tons hay again cut & got in from the N.E.quarter-same mead-Done in good season & boys up street in the evenin Returned with letter & 3 papers from J.Collins Presho-Comments hereafter- Dated July 27- Had seen trouble since rec't of my letter of June 30 or July 1- but had now procured a very suitable place-all right-Well pleased on reading it. Adeline towd conclusion of the day was seated upon the back of the mare Jenny-rode, accomp'd by her friends Katherine Dewey & Samantha Robinson-both severally mount'd in like manner-to S.Scott's-whence returned by Courtyhouse before dark Shepardson Pedl'r made an unprofitable call.

FRIDAY,AUG 7. Cldy-hazy-very indifferent hay weather-Merc. 50°-72°-77°-60°- That portion of S.M. Skirting fence against S.orchd' stretching along the hither brook up to its entrance thro' the fence below the old lane bridge-all between brook & lane was laid low- 34 hund. carted in-about 1 ton left out because it was too green to get in. Hopkins good at raking. Father & mother went to Friday meeting- Saw the aged & pious Jeremiah Bingham-formerly of this place-now of Corwall,Vt- Cheeses of late very heavy-that of the 5th weighing 101 lbs.

SATURDAY,AUG 8. Sound hot weather-Merc.48°-77°-80°-68°- Continued getting hay from S E. quarter of S.M. S of upper brook-Greater part wonderfully unproductive-more especially where oats grew last year. The whole surface cut ober measured perhaps over 2 acres from which got 2 tons hay. Much of it raked by horse power-Two loads-Besides which there was got in what had remained out over night Some mowing perfromed late in the day-after which Matthews decamped for Bailey's where he was requested

to officiate over Sunday as Bar Keeper. Back'd another Writ on the same Pownal demand served on Matthews by D.Hinsdill. Court on Saty next- Susan Bannister was waited upon to her mother's by A.D.L. Whipple & our Hopkins late in the day. Mr.J.A.Wight arrived at sunset or before from W'ms College-unhealthy there-Several cases of fever. Took pleasure in welcoming him (at the old) home again.

SUNDAY,AUG 9. Fair-very warm-Merc. 52°-80°-82°- Not observed at ngt. Besides usual dairying task-brought up Jour'l to Saturday Evening. Most of the family at church. Susan Bannister waited upon home by A.D.L.Whipple & Hopkins from Pownal. Our sister Lydia 44 years of age this fine day. Rec'd vis't from I.B.Dewey

MONDAY,AUG 10. Large warm-clear with few clds- Sly S.wind-Merc.53°-82°-83°-68°- about 9 in the evening. It should have been mentioned for last evening that F.W.Coffin from Troy called & paid his respects to us. Reported favorably of all family connexions-to return on Tuesday next-would bear a letter to J.C.Presho- if left at H.Waters'- So down I sat that evening & spun off one not very fine-as much ast to say we were rejoiced at his getting so good a place-all going on smoothly here-carrying out the joke respecting tenants &c&c. Now for this day-Mowing a piece N.side of upper brook bounded W.by ground occupied with oats 1834-so N. of that out to lane-comprehending say some over 2 acres

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and getting in 3 tons of hay made out the task of the day. Mr.Wight generously assisted in all branches-except using the "Mare Rake" in which I was chief engineer-but the grd being rough & hay fine & light it almost proved a failure & was dismissed ere night. Matthews on Sunday in attempting to get bestride a young horse,but lately tutored-having thrust his left foot into the stirrup previous to bringing the right leg over the animal's back in that position by the untoward movements of said creature-rec'd some pretty hearty wrenches & twists which caused lameness-he however executed a good day's work- Furthermore,there came up a very large robust muscular man calling himself Parker of Adams Ms-requesting to see the dairy-of course saw & tasted & liked with some little objection to the early made on account of solidity & dryness-very anxious to know the price-told him had made none-Related to me the extraordinary heavy dairies he had seen at the W-particularly in Montgomery County-where they made up single cheeses from upwards of 80 cows' milk-weighing in many instances over 200 wt. Very sanguine in the belief that more cheese would be made the present than last season-Said if I only knew what he did of the vast abundance of the article should lose no time in trading with him-offered to

advance me $300 to begin with- Considered I had missed it wofully in not taking up the offer of Mr. Wolcott-22d July- Could obtain no offer from him-left me to understand that my ideas on the subject ran altogether too high- Going to Danby-would call again on his return. Mr.Wight sang psalm tunes while engaged at milking-morg. & eveg as usual-

TUESDAY,AUG 11. Severe heat continued-Rising from 68°- to 80°--86°- in shade-most of the day-78°- sunset. I mistake in date-Read that above for the 12th. which was a little matter rainy in the morning-cldy in bits & S Wd all day- Then for the 11th-hot indeed-Merc. 57°-80°-86°-70°- That portion of S. M'd lying S. of clay pit-from N. brook to a few rods S. of Dry Brook & all about that swampy quarter-from 2 to 3 acres-cut over & hay-2 1/2 tons taken in. Our excellent friend J.A.Wight took active part at mowing-raking-mowing mg. & 2/3ds the day-took leave for W'ms Coll.at ab't 4 P.M. to be in season for examination next morning-8 o'clock. Rye carted in- say 120 sheaves.

WEDNESDAY,AUG 12. For remarks on weather see 11th. Some little rainy in the morning &c Haying compleated with a trifling exception Three & a half tons from little over 2 acres S qdarter of mead.above mentioned. That patch of grd ploughed up first of May 1833 bearing oats 1834 turned out bountifully- Very pretty raking with "Mare Rake". At the close of the day A D L Whipple gave assistance.Being very well satisfied with the prompt execution of business by cousin G & C B Mathews-not by any means forgetting Grandfather & Hopkins. Sent by boys in the evening-all riding up together-to F.Blackmer's & got 2 quarts wine with which to regale the company on this occasion. Twenty years ago this day departed this life my grandfather Peter Harwood-aged a few days over 80 years. Proverbially honest,industrious,frugal,perservering.

THURSDAY,AUG 13. Came on fine rain in the morning-lasting only till say 10 o'clock-Remainder of the day cldy more or less-Hot every hour of it. Merc. 66°-82°-84°- Remarkably warm evening. Business not the most driving-Weeds about the house-garden & elsewhere were mown down-Small patch of grass in Clark's orchard cut. Mathews accompanied by Hopkins-visited his friends T & R Parker-Pownal-Paid up their demand in full-which including thirty cents cost amounted to something less than $4-passed receipts-took up both writs-parted with them on the most friendly terms- They were instigated to sue by false reports made by some one unfriendly to M.that he was about to go off. The evening was improved by wife & self in visiting Col Breckinridge to get rennets-had none-referred us to Mr. James Henry's- Called over & procured 5 paying 1/o a piece. Saw Mr.H,his lady & sonin law Alonzo Hinsdill-who informed me M.Huntington had since purchasing Harmon's dairy-sold the same to some-

body, previously acquainted with it in N.York. Alonzo considered that there was no time lost in selling c cheese yet. On our return called at Hinsdill's store-spoke of carpet money-might pay it at my own convenience say in 2 weeks- B.R.Sears spoke with us. Have omitted mentioning that we saw & spoke with S.W.Daniles as we were going out-wife & boy doing well. Last halt beyond meeting house was at our good uncle's S.Robinson's- almost done haying- soon coming to visit us-let us have 1 rennet on cr--knows of 2 more in the neighborhood. Not far from Hinsdill's as we were driving west met Alvin Bates who handed me a letter which he rec'd in Troy from the hand of F.W.Coffin-directed to Hiram Waters- This we left at H.W's accordingly-Got home by about 10 o'clk- Boys had returned from eeling, in which they were joined by S.H.Brown,Elihu Wright & others- A.D.L.Whipple was also of the party. Confined operations to the brook only-saw 6-caught 2 of those fishes. Elijah Octavius Harwood put up here this night with horse & pedling waggon-

FRIDAY,AUG 14. Faint Warm sour weather-Merc say 64°- 72°- A part of the time rainy. Cheese much affected by heat-Unpleasant dealing with it. Five first cheeses made in June last were weighed & found to have lost in weight 39 lbs-That is as they came from the press-amt'd to 421 lbs-now weighing but 382. Father,Geo.& Hopkins rode away to E.Village on business after dinner. Matthews having commenced breaking colt-rode the same to sd Village to get him shod. Paid M.yesterday ten dollars tow'd work on haying. had been employed thereat 20 1/2 days. See July 2 & 23d. Octavius past 3 P.M. took leave. Hiram Waters,lady & children here on visit The former by being violently thrown out of Deac. Hinsdill's wag. Deacon in the bargain as they (we) were starting off on Monday for E.Village from Deac's store rec'd a serious contusion on the left hip-disabling him from attending to his usual business-therefore lying by waiting for it to get well again. Colt shod by Deac. Winslow-no colt tail was demanded-none had. It will probably be asked on some future day- How much hay did you cut,Mr.H in the season of 1835 ? About 62 tons. Any more than in 1834 ? Yes Sir-from one & a half to 2 tons-better quality too, with some trifling exceptions. N.Md.31.7

Litt Do 6.0

C's orchd & Litt South Do 24.13

Tons 62.0 hay.

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Warm,cldy unsettled weather-W'd briskly from S.latter pt day. Merc. st at 56°-80°-70°- Boys including friend Matthews whov volunteered so as to have G.P's company P.M. by noon had cow yards allmscraped over neatly-ready to attend foot race in E.Village-whither they all went. After dinner rode up street with father, Lydia,cous.G. & H.Hopkins-two last bound to E.V. Lav-

Leaving two first at H.W's-went to John Hicks'-
met Mathews who had ridden thus far the colt which
he had commenced formally breaking-and bo't saddle
& bridle the former at $14.75-including extra stir-
rups-the latter at $1-total $15.75-To be paid after
getting money for cheese. Pay day at my own conve-
nience. On returning to H.W's saw an elderly gen-
tleman & lady there by name of Beebe-relatives to
Waters by way of his mother. Seated by side my
father rode to uncle S.Robinson's- Found all hands
eagerly engaged at haying in the meadow a few rods
S.W. of his house. Father was left talking with
aunt Sarah & cous.Emily- I,in a moderate way,betook
myself to the meadows-giving some feeble assistance
at raking hay-indeed did about as well as I could
while there- Conversation about olden times & for-
mer good men who were an ornament to the human
family- now no more- to the contrary notwithstand-
ing. Father came out soliciting to be of the party-
but we told him he would do better to go over to
Granny Robinson's & converse with the old lady &
Mrs Searse so he did & enjoyed a fine visit. The
latter lady had become almost helpless from a late
failure in one of her hips. The gentlemen congre-
gated in the mead'w aforesaid- were Hon.Sam'l Rob-
inson Sen,his brother Safford,Octavius Harwood, Mr
Morgan & Mr.-Did not get hold of his name. Left in
good season. They were unloading hay into the shed
loft-Uncle Sam came ahead of us to L.P.& Co's,in
wagg.to obtain salt to preserve hay, We made short
stop at said store- L.P. wanted small quantity
cheese- would engage none-meaning to slide the whole
together-no dribbling,no cutting & haggling the
dairy. At Frank's rec'd N.Y. paper-not however the
latest date-which was said to contain appalling news
The greatest fire in that City that had taken place
within the last 30 years. Made short halt at H.
Waters'- Mrs Patty Waters had arrived from Troy.-
in good health & spirits-as likewise family & friends
Looked at Hiram'Bing'y -Signers Amer.Independ'c
Abridg'd By Rev'd C.A.Goodrich. Lydia getting in
with us arrived here in season for milkg- Miss Su-
san gone with her brother to Pownal-the latter up
from Pittsfield,Ms-Adeline had been much out of
health during the day. Mr.Wight supped with us this
evening. Rec'd from G.P.Harwood $12 in money-for
which gave note on demand- gave my name for securi-
ty. Our friend saw Mr.Southworth of Wms'town who
informed him that Caleb Brown Esqr was ill.

The mournful intelligence was announced to us on
our way to town of the sudden & unexpected death of
Mrs Betsey amiable consort of capt Heman Robinson
in about the 43'd year of her age. She had been
ill of a billious complaint perhaps a week-none of
the time supposed dangerous-until within a few
hours of her dissolution-was even on Friday presumed
to be getting better. At the solemn hour of final
departure she was in full possession of her mental
powers-summoning her disconsolate husband & children

to her bedside to take an eternal leave of them. It suffices to say that she was all that a woman should be. She was the eldest of the family of Joseph Wadsworth Esqr-formerly of this town-now & for the last 25 years a resident of Pittstown,N.Y. Mrs R. had been married about the length of time-had raised a family of sons & daughters-of the latter one was married to J.V.D.S.Fassett,Druggist Troy,N.Y. the other died last spring,or within a few months past at only about 2 or 3 years old-Mrs F. eldest of the family- Here is ample room for profitable comment--but for obvious reasons I forbear.

SUNDAY,AUG 16th. Warm,wet morning-Clouds not cleared away not sooner than about 4 P.M. Merc. 56°-72°-73°-70°- Fine season for old pastures & new mown meads. Usual dairying concerns were attended to. Enjoyed more leisure than usual for reading papers- My writing having been brought up to a very recent hour. Most of the family at service- My father,daugheter & friemd W attending funeral which was put off to 4 P.M. for the accomodation of distant relatives which were very numerous. Matthews was away mounted on colt. It may be proper to add a few more particulars respecting Mrs.R.- In entering the imperfect account here submitted_it should have been stated that she met her fate with the utmost calmness & serenity-at about 11 o'clock A.M. on Saturday the 15th. A terrible blow to her husband & children & to all the members of her family-not to mention her parents, brethren & sisters,neighbors & intimate friends & relatives at a distance. Capt.Heman & that class of men of his & my age, many of whom have been called to their "Long Homes" were wedded to the fair companions of their choice much about the same period-enjoying in the Morning of Life all those glittering prospects which so naturally arise in the bosoms of persons of that age- If I were to take some pains-could furnish a long list of names familiar to my ear who were joined in the bands of wedlock from 1808 to 1817- But as I am unprepared at present-will defer the object until some more convenient season. Capt.H. was born in Feb.1787-his lady about the year 1792- My friend Safford Robinson mentioned to me on Saturday that his brother Hiram (now at the South) was that day 49 years of age. This evening Mrs P.Waters honoeed us with her good company. Would observe that the foot race in E.Village drew together a very great concourse of people from all quarters-say from Shaftsbury,Pownal, Hosick,Petersburgh &c- all to see some simply fellows run themselves half to death- for-Nothing-

MONDAY,AUG 17. Very fine & warm-N.Wind-Merc.58°-78°-68°. Think I saw the thermometer between 10 & 11 A.M up to about 84°. Manure recently scraped up in yards was carted into S.mead. E walnut tree a few rods W.S.H.Brown's board fence. Matthews borrowed Dr.N.Swift's sulky and a

harness of B.Day-harnessed colt before the sulky endured some ill behavior from him-but finally went off bravely-came home unharnessed-stabled him until 3 or 4 P.M.-put him again before the carriage-drove to Wager's -Pow'l-Returned again by sunset-performing handsomely-Mr.Wight started early for N.Yokk.-Intending to return within a week.Warren Sibley & Wells M.Wrisley came to see Hopk's and tarried a part of the afternoon with us. Hopkins was forthwith sent in waggon in the morning to Blackmer's store to get molasses,codfish &c-the former article for Mrs Waters who sent pay for the same. Our flour bbl howled. Our pork bbl grew noisy-our beef bbl offered an offensive odor- Our family large-consuming provisions at no moderate pace.

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TUESDAY AUG 18. Continued extremely warm-cldy-melancholy S.wind-Frequent lightning in the eveg-Merc.60°-75°-80°-78°-72°-68°-Rain wanted & expected-Carting 20 lds manure in all-completed by 3 P.M. Most or all carted this day was distributed on a patch of N't meadow lying below the N.E.quarter of the Four Acre Bit-new ground-This I am trying to locate-being old & sward-bound-All hands went upto the "Grove" to find white birch bark suitable for torches-a tree of inferior size was felled-but its bark was below par- Made faint search for another but failing-a few blackberries were plucked from the warring brambles as we carelessly strolled off N.through the Chatfield clearings in gen'l R's woods on our way home. Not much of importance done afterwards-more than grinding scythes Brown's hands were fully engaged in getting up hay in the Fay meadow. C.B.Matthews returned with colt & sulky from Mr.Harmon's. Had engaged 9 colts to break-of which 7 were for Mr.H. That gent sent me word I had better sell the cheese dairy at $8. Paid Matthews this morning $1 in money toward work in haying.

Mother was ill early in the morning. Mrs Waters was waited upon by father to H.Waters' in the course of the A.M. The latter at Dr.H.Swift's saw Mrs Whiton-formerly the widow of the late Charles Wright-eldest daughter of the late capt Moses Robinson- Expected two of her sons to graduate at Wm's College-present Commencement.

WED. AUG 19. Pleasant-broken clds-sun occasionally came out hot- Merc.66° in the morning-Being from home-no observations can be entered respecting the therm'r after that hour. Started for Williamstown about 9 o'clock.Overtook old Mr.Myers a short distance this side his house-riding on horseback-crutches in hand-lame from rheumatism for some years past- 71 or 72 years of age-Informed me that Noel Barber kept a large dairy-the same young gentleman worked in 1827 for Abell & Savage as carpenter on the house of Sam H.Brown-boarded

with us-Saw much mowing & many patches of oats yet to cut- Arrived at Bridges past noon- Found cousin Margaret in good health & full of employment assisting Mrs B. in getting dinner for Commencement people. Great crowd in front of the house-Looked around among these to see & hear anything that might be useful- Profted lttle in that way- Saw an old negro man that I had known for about 40 years-under the title of "Black Bill"- Came first to Bennington from Philadelphia with the late gov.Robinson while the latter represented the State of Vt in the Senate of the U.S.- Residing now near "The Boy's Factory". There was also a white man by the name of Sweet formerly of Clarksburgh,Ms-now of White Oaks in Pow'l who gave it as his opinion that the hay crops generally was light. corn & oats plenty- On going up to Bridges again met with Seth Parsons of Hoosick Falls & H Hall of Bennington. The former reported (~~faithfully~~-) favorably of the health of the people there. Chandler Ball had buried his little son only a short time since- Chatfield had not returned from the West. Enquired respecting the health of his mother- could give no definite reply. Those gent. dined at B's. I left in haste.Called at A.B.Cole's. By the slip missed seeing the man. talked a good while with his lady who was very busily engaged at house work-Took her to be very industrious-thin & spare- Was married at 18(19)-called herself now 25-husband 30- two children boy & girl-shewed me the dairy which was in excellent order- every cheese sacked-Knew of no bids for the dairy- nor did she know her husband's mind respecting a price. Betweeen 3 & 4 leaned for Adams N'o.Ms. where soon arrived- saw & ~~spent~~ very agreeably spent some time conversing with W.E.Brayton Esqr,who did not pretend to know much respecting the cheese market- considered it safe holding on) Intimated that as we had been sometime engaged in the business-our dairy must sell pretty well merely from the reputation it had acquired. Ss I always found him he appeared very candid. His 2'd son had gone to try a short voyage coastwise for the recovery of his health. An attempt last winter had been made by some politically opposed to him to get away the office of P.Master- not successful-cared less for the office than for the manner of trying to oust him- If they would be easy would of himself resign. Didn't think Brown acquired much by dealing so largely in cheese.-business too extensive to be properly managed. Esqr.B said if anything of importance as to cheese sales should occur in that district-would write me. Made search for & found the house occupied by Mr.Butler- His lady very politely accosted me-but not however in way to discover much gladness at seeing me.. Said her husband had gone to Commencement-Went back to Smith's-enquired price of keeping horse over night- 25 cs- Enquired for a pasture was directed to apply to Mr.Ingall's-Went accordingly. No one except the woman at home-Gave leave to turn mare into pasture which was opposite the house,E side the highway- pasture extensive-covered with woods except the N.W.

corner which was low- inclining to swampy-E.S.E & S after passing the wood very extensive- feed short by reason of keeping a large number of the villagers cows. On returning to the Village after disposing of the old faithful beast-as I was walking & reading the Historical Sketches of Sachem's Head in N.Y Spect.met J.M.B.Spencer & a young fellow named Welch who said they were on their return from Pownal being in 1 h wagg to Bowen's at work for Bowen at haying-5 miles S- B.kept tavern-wide awake as to price of cheese- Seeing,a few days since an old cheese for sale in the Village- requested the price 8 cs- bo't it immediately & sent it to Wright's in Pownal & obtained 10 cs pr lb- Kept dairy of about 20 cows Very sanguine on the probably high price of cheese. Very agreeably spent the morning with Mr. Butler & lady-the former getting home about dark- Accomp'd him down to Smith's where heard a very sensible Englishman describe the fairs in England making many intelligible remarks on Manufactures-not only of that country,but also those of France & Germany. He addressed himself to a Yankee who appeared to understand the subject as thoroughly as himself-the latter having spent several years in the last mentioned country. When we got home again B. amused himself reading Hist. Sachem's Head & late description of N.Haven. Calculating to visit old Branford accomp'd by his eldest daughter.to start on Monday next.

FRIDAY,Aug 20 Broken clds-scalding sun-Black clds at W. about sunset-Lightened in the evening after dark. Took breakfast with my friends. The house in which they lived was situated on a corner N. of the bridge on main road to Stamford. first after crossing main N.Branch-had been partially burnt-but now in good or tolerably decent repair- Rent $25. Had long & unnecessary as it afterwards proved to be,hunt for mare which was honestly feeding in the same section wherein she was suffered to go overnight.

1835-Bennington,Aug 20,1835 Having harnessed and made ready to quit,conversed awhile with Mr.Ingalls who complained some of ill health which he believed originated from eating too much watermelon. His father he said had been a dairyman about thirty years in the town of Cheshire- Refused 8 cs pr lb last fall for his cheese which he wintered & sold in the Spring too early-getting but a trifle over what he could have had in the fall. His son felt opposed to the policy of wintering over when there is a good opportunity to sell in the fall. The farm occupied by him consisted of 250 acres lying very near the Village enabling him to pasture not far from 50 cows-averaging not far from $6 pr hd the season- He said however there was little profit derived from the business on account of so many bad paymasters among the factory people. The house & outbuildings were snug,plasantly situated-husband & wife young- about 1 year since marriage-not a child nor chick-

Paid for horse fare 10 cs-Drove off S calling on Mr.Kingsley to see dairy which was readily done-Fine & handsome on tables-produce of 28 cows-much lighter than usual-Not sold-felt an assurance of getting a good price- Sold 1834 for $7 1/2. Old gent about 60 Business conducted by his son-not present-Formerly say in Embargo times had sold cheese at $13 pr hund. never lower than 6 1/4. Next called at Charles Wills' Found sick hired girl turning large cheeses-noamed Powers or Powell from Lanesboro' at $1 pr wk-Never would be so caught again-Number of cows,including 6 heifers,37-making less than the usual quantity cheese-took 2 of their best cows in flush of feed to fill a pail of common 12 qt capacity- Dairy very sound,well looking. Didn't see Mr.W.his lady informing me he was assisting at haying down in his meadow-Sixty five years of age- Was away again under moderate motion-taking the road to S.Village-keeping on the new one do down next the stream thought some of going to Bowen's-but on the whole preferred visiting Israel Cole's-turning off to the right by the first Factory N. of the Village. Reached Mr.C's not far from noon. Old gent had been sick-boys getting in oats. Rec'd with decent hospitality-Dined before coming away. Saw the dairy & talked abundantly of the prospect of good sales-Mr.C's ideas not much elevated above last years' prices- having recently seen a Mr.Nislett from the W whose langauge was that there was actually a lack of quantity on the part of individual dairies-which however would be amply made up by the establishment of many new ones-increasing the number vastly over what there were last year. Something was said respecting young Wickwire which it is not worth while to enter here. Rec'd some instruction from Mrs C. in regard to dairying. Said she was always willing to communicate freely all she knew. Mentioned instances of persons being too mean to do so. Mr.C & lady manifested in their conversation a wish to be rid of the business- Mrs C. was now making her 39th Dairy-Having accomplished the end for which I had thus far strayed from home-started off about 1 P.M. on my return- Saw many farmers deeply engaged at haying- At the Village spoke a mom't with Esqr Brayton who enquired of me what I had learned at the S-told in few words-upon which he informed me that he had this day seen his old partner Mr.Bennett-from the West by way of Danby,Vt. where he had purchased one of the first dairies there made- Said cheese would be high the present fall-advised me to "Hold On"- Got a renewed promise that he would write me respecting transactions in cheses in that section whenever accomplished. Purposed to make a very short call at Deac.L.Smedley's-but on arriving in sight of the house-seeing the men going out with their team to get in oats-passed on to A.B.Cole's to deliver a verbal Message from his father that he was recovering from his last illness. There were guests from Adams- cousins of both sexes-of the dairying interest,thought they should refuse an offer of 9 cs pr lb. Looked at excellent hogs of the Byfield Breed-had refused an offer of $7 pr hund.for the pork.

Company at Cole's

They invited me into the house but I declined the invitation-Conversed a few moments with C-found him fully determined to await the result of the speculating campaign now begun-before venturing to sell his dairy. Taking the cross road leading out from C's to E.road-pushed for home. Left billet from Butler to Stone at the place of destination. Saw Hiland Hall' Esqr.& lady on their return from Lanesboro- Said meant to lodge at Low'l. Reached Pownal Meetinghouse at about sunset-got home before 9 in the evening-Found all going on well at home-Oats all cut- some cradled some mown.

BUTLER

H.HALL

FRIDAY,AUG 21. Heavy thunder shower at 3 in the morning-heard after it was overof its doing great mischief to a number of rods in length of lead pipe-which was torn up out of the ground-Some showery-subsequent part of the day-Thermometer not observed -Temperate- White Birch bark for torches was procured in gen'l Robinson's woods W. of Indian Lot by Geo. self & Hopkins. P.M. oats were turned. Lawyer Southworth supped with us talked politics & Matrimony. Mathews employed as usual at breaking colt- believe it was this morning or on Saturday Mg- that I paid him $2 money, Was informed of cousins Heman Robinson & Emily R. & E.B.Burton having been here on the 20th

DAMAGE

LIGHTNING

TORCHES

SOUTHWORTH

MATHEWS

H.ROB &

E B BURTON

SATURDAY AUG 22d. Very rainy at intervals during the day-Or if it be improper to state it so-Say by turns- Roads muddy. Thermom't not observed. Say cool. Attempts were,after something done at spreading manure lately distributed in meadows,made at moving Canada Thistles. Father & boys took a soaking. Matthews did something with colt I believe. With lady rode to the grocery of N.L.Robinson Supp'd with his lady & sister Harriet- Bo't of cousin N.L. Lo lbs good coffee at 14 1/2 cents on books-Saw Manchester who lives near Wager's,in grocery-Very musical telling large fish stories to capt.Hyde-traded to some small amount. Came home before dark. Mr.Whight who had just arrived from N.Y. took passage with us.

SUNDAY,AUG 23. Cool-Flying broken clds-Merc. 46°-72°-64°- Besides doing up much business in the usual way-taht is milking,cheesing &c- Read a few paragraphs Jewish History-Some in Porter's Ann'l (School Book) Some in Sepc. of Aug 13-Wrote Jour'l- Rec'd company of S.Burtis & lady from Hoosick-the latter & child remained with us-he past noon,returning home. Most of family at Church- Geo. Robinson & two other youngmen- journeymen of H.Waters' made a call here. Russell Judd also-the last looked at dairy. H.Waters & lady came down late in the day. former left note with me which I signed too as security-to get money at the Bank on Saturday next-Wanted me to hold on to cheese for 10 cs pr lb.

which he believed would yet be the price. Mrs Ruth
Mrs R.Parsons Parsons sent over $2 tow'd cheese had 16th April.

MONDAY,AUG 24. Indications of rain-Merc. 50°-
or 51°- 75°-64°- Oats all in.
A part only of what grew in S.meadow were bound in sheaves. The remainder handled in bulk. All bound in C's orchard. Constituting 2 cart loads- Mr.Wight tho' unwell assisted manfully-- Friend Matthews too had some share in the doings. An old friend of mine
WIGHT Nath'l R.Locke with his lady called on us-from Broom
N.R.LOCKE County,N.Y- Had been to visit a brother in Roxbury,Vt Very well pleased to see them. He came to live with T C Parsons to learn the tanner's & shoemaker's Business in the early part of the year 1808 in our little neighborhood. Remained there about 5 years- in 1814 went to the Susquehan'h Country- N.E.quarter Pennsyl'a where evidently he became settled in life. His father & brother Edmund also settled in the same section- remained an inhabitant thereof until about 3 years since when he removed to the place where he now resided near the W.bounds of Broom County a short distance from the left bank of the Susquehannah-carrying on his trade- Family consisting of 5 sons & 2 daughters-from two to 16 years of age. His aged father died 2 years since aged 82 in the faith of Universalism-formerly a mason-laid the foundation walls of Bennington Centre Meetinghouse. Our friend's lady was from N.Jersey-by name of Ross. Others of our company were Mrs P.Waters & Mrs M A.Sears & children. P'r G.P.rec'd bbl flour this morning from F.Blackmer's at $6.62 1/2 cs paid. Two bbls rye sent by Matthews to Walb's mill-ground for cows. Looked in Campbell's Poems-liked what I read.

TUESDAY,AUG 25. Cldy-somewhat rainy fore part of
the day- Rained heavily at night-
Merc. 58°- in the morng. 70°- at night. Spreadg manure U mowing thistles constituted the main out doors business. Caleb Brown Esqr called upon us to view dairy. Was on his return from Danby where had purchased a few dairies at from $7 to $7 1/2 pr hund. Made no definite proposition regarding the purchase of our dairy. Saw that we were not prepared to sell. whenever we should be-requested a line or visit from me- wanted to buy & pay for it all it was worth- Suited him-believed he could sell it in N.Y. a quarter of a dollar higher than any other man. Saw nothing to make the price of the article higher than last year-believed the qunatity about the same- He behaved like a gentleman-took leave between 9 & 10 A.M. My friend N.R.Locke with his lady departed for Pittstown,N.Y.-thanked them for calling. Matthews had a hard trial with an eight year old horse belonging to Richmond Fisk which he induced by severe whipping to go in the harness-a thing he was determined not to do. F. he said allowed him $1 for it. Married this eveg Mr.Henry Nicholls to Miss Kath.Dewey.

WED. AUG. 26 Rainy again during most of the morning-Merc. 64°- to 75°- Great day when fair for mowing Canada Thistles. Mr. Wight assisted. Hopkins got mare shod in E.Village - Matthews still engaged with colt-experienced some difficulty in getting him to move backward-particularly forward of a waggon. Rec'd a call from our old friend & neighbor L.Norton Esqr,who conversed on dairying-Religion & Politicks. Cousin Heman Robinson came up to invite the family to attend wedding at his father's at 6 o'clock P.M. Circumstances were such as to prevent attendance of any one except Miss Adeline. Mr. Wells Martin & Miss Emily Robinson were pronounced man & wife by the Rev'd Mr. Ed H.Hooker with all due solemnity. Many relations & friends present to witness the ceremony. Age of bridegroom that of bride 29- Cousin Heman came home with A. 10 at night.

THURSDAY AUG 27 After dispersion of morning clds air hot-fair-Merc.52°-80°-75°- Father,Geo- & Hopkins start for Stillwater- Water department examined by Mr.Wight. Hedge partially cut away P.M.-west side meadow against wall built last spring at foot of rocks. Matthews couples colt with another horse-performs well- Stage horse died at Riddle's belonging to the E'r Stage-occasioned by unreasonable driving no doubt- Mrs Emily wife of cous. Henry Robinson & her sister Mrs M.S.Norton pay a visit to our ladies. Mother goes to H.Waters'. Though fair-wind came fresh from S- Grasshoppers very numerous in pasture grounds-

FRIDAY AUG 28. Rainy up to past noon-faintly warm-more rain in the evening-Merc. 66°-68°- An attempt to dig up water pipe in order to stop a leak proved abortive-too much mud & water on hand. While it rained perused some recent publications,besides attending to Vt Gazette- & the Vermonter. Great Riots at Baltimore M'd. ending on the 10th & 11th.inst. Bushes suffered some afternoon. Father & Hopkins arrive from Stillwater- Rudds no longer occupy the great Austin farm-removed to a small distance N. Rec'd very friendly by friends-gentlemen being absent lumbering-Cousin Geo.went on to Essex. A great quantity of oats cut & to be cut vast amount of hay yet to collect. Matthews continues with colt-conceys cousin Anniw & our Ad.to H. Waters. Capt. Perez Harwood Sen & Mrs Bailey reported ill of fever. Cheese of Aug 27.weighed but 80 lbs.

SATURDAY AUG 29. Fair & Hot- Frewuent lightning seen in W & N.W. in the evening. Merc. 66°-78°-70°- Paid Matthews this morning $2 in money. Dairy overhauled. Six bhls rye sent pr father to Walbridge's mill-ground for cows. P.M. Mr. Wight,Hopkins & Self worked at raking & binding oats. Hopkins however could make headway only at raking-in the upper field of N.Norton-S of B Harwood's Grove. D.Perry-Superintendent- At half past 3 or aboutthere-

aways father supplied my place and I left. Came to the house to prepare for going up street- H.Waters came down with his half brother Sam.Judd-Warrensburgh N.Y. to whom was introduced. Had not been here in about 25 years last past-Smart good looking man-of about sixty. Isaac & Russell sons of his brother E. part of the town were of the party. Ladies rec'd company of Mrs Wrisley & little Samuel her son- Cous-N.L.Robinson came at noon-got 3 bhls early apples-at 1/o-only tarried long enough to dine with us. As the Judd party withdrew I followed with mare & waggon- H Waters by my side. Had paid for me at Hinsdill's amount due for carpet.bro't rec't in full $17.42 & returned money placed in his hands,to pay that debt if they had refused the other way. Got a note discounted for H.Waters to run sixty days-sum sixty dollars. Conversed awhile with Raymond & D. Rob.Jun on the relative worth of children & money-the latter making it out that the man of poverty with ten children was better provided for in age & sickness than the man of $10,000- Called on N.L.Robinson-bo't 3 lbs brown sug-at 11 cs-which went against the apples excepting 5 cs-which was paid on rec't of the article. Bo't J.N.Hinsdill's Map of Bennington-at $2.67 " to be paid after making sale of dairy. He bo't it of the Proprietor at $3-payable out of his shop. Harriet Albro came home with me. Made enquiry at Blackmer's & at Patchin & Co's for price of unbleached cotton sheeting & found it to be 14 cs. Rec'd at the P.O. a letter from J.Collins Presho-Dated Troy Aug 23 1835-Chiefly to acquaint me with having found a good situation for my son at the Apothecary's business- At Bk saw wid-Wheeler-Shaftsby obtained leave to borrow $1500 on a future day.

SUNDAY,AUG 30- Between 1 & 2 in the morning a most terrific thunder storm came up from N.W.-lightened almost contiunally-thunder not very heavy-seemingly at a distance- A great many flashed without corrensponding reports-Supposed of course that the main part of the storm visited the country off to the N. & E. Most of the family,as usual, were at Church- Mother inclusive. Simmons Burtis came over from Hoosick Falls-in stylish waggon-accomp'd by cousins Ellen & Jane Parsons- By the hand of the former lady rec'd payment in full of $2.33" for cheese deliv'd April 16. Tow'd evening friend B took leave with his wife,child,E & J. Miss Albro went to meeting along with Adeline this morning. Rev'd a call from S.Clark & B.R.Sears late in the day Besides use of pen-spent some valuable moments in the perusal of Biography Sketch of A.Pope Esqr- as well as accounts in N.Y.papers of the Riots at Baltimore. Md- Description of air ship &c By the same(question) papers we see the Slave question has aroused the people to action at the S. The weather was temperate & pleas't-clds brokn-Wd.N. Merc.59°-69°- Freidn Matthews came home from W. p't town-Due him in all $4.77" Burtis drove good span of horses before his wagg. whole establisht hired of his friends.

MONDAY,AUG 31. Cool-cldy-say half fair-Cold eveg. Merc. 54°-69°-58°- Made settlement in full with our friend Matthews this morning. For 20 1/2 days haying at $20 pr mo-came to $15.77" Breaking colt $5-getting harness mended 8 cs- tot $20.85 which was balanced by payments of money excepting a palm leaf hat at 31 cs at B's store & $1.17 needle work by Adeline. He was waited upon up street by Grand Pa & Hopkins in waggon drawn by the colt "Charley" who performed well. At the heel of the settlement he sold his old palm leaf to me for a Yk shilling. Going next to breaking colts for Harmon & Vail. P.M. father,self & Hopk's wrought at raking & binding oats long enough to pay for work done for us at haying by D.Perry-July 30-Aug 1. Mr.Gibson & Ben Darling were in the employment of N Norton- The former & (Peters) Perry conveyed oats to the barn on board of waggon. Hopkins had some hand in that - Went home-rode colt after cows- We left in good season-Made attempt at shaving-failed totally- Enjoyed satisfaction in the perusal of some few lines of the "Life of Franklin",Pope's Essay On Man"- Looked at pictures in Ladies' Cabinet Album-Made a foolish remark on the Frontispiece in a late Edition of Campbell's Poems which convulsed our friend Wight with laughter. Many things in Pope always find very pleasg. Quantity of cheese made the present month am'td to Lbs 2750.Aug 1834 amounted to Lbs 2583- having balance in fav.pres't year of 167- Last July-Lbs 2733.

TUESDAY SEPT 1.st. Cool-temperate,cldy-Wd-N.Merc. 48°-62°-. First commenced baiting cows in the meadow the present season- a morning business of course- Some attempts at uprooting willows,elms, &c growing in the form of underbrush in meadows are made. Had beard taken off by wife accomp'd by many droll sayings on both sides of the way- Made ready in season to ride with father & Mr. Wight to town. The latter did not take part in the Election. The candidates for Assembly were John S. Robinson (Jackson) & Jed'h Dewey (Anti Jackson).The former as a man was my favorite,but being of a very different political faith from me,conceived it not proper to vote for him,therefore cast it for the latter. The friends of R,some of them,endeavored to persuade me,& likewise my father,to go for him-but it was of no avail. We stuck to our party just as they ever have done to theirs. In this we copied the manner of the opposite party. It pained me to be obliged by an imperious sense of duty to vote in opposition to so fine a man as John S. There was nothing of ill will,nothing personal in this-Just so with my father. We loved & respected,but could not support him for Rep.to Assembly. In voting we must be independent of all little personal impartialities-these should all give way to what we may conceive to be most for the Public Good. At any rate it was a warm contest-at one time they came close upon having a riot,but it soon calmed down and nothing of the kind ensued. A very great number of freeman attended & near

sunset it was proclaimed that Dewey was elected by 104 majority. We voted the Palmer,Antimasonic State Ticket. Lawyer Truman Squires appeared & voted. had not done so in five years before. After leaving Court H Hill-hearing the sound of a violin in Riddle's Hall-went up to enjoy it more at leisure-but by the time I got there the fit of performing was nearly off-the young man was listng.to John Sibley who was harping him for written or printed music to be forwarded by mail from the Brattleborough vicinity or perhaps from the very place itself,that being his present place of residence,to the Algiers Band- Came away soon-called on Dr.H.Swift-who prepared some pills for mother which I pocketed. He did not like the boasting of the Vt.Gazette-However every thing was turning Jackson in other States &c. Saw there Miss Crofoot-the extremely corpul't young lady who has resided with them so many years. Halted again at H.Waters8- Mrs W. not at home-gone I suppose with Dr.Ashley & lady to the E part of the town to Isaac Judd's on visit- Reached home too late to assist much at milking-being previously most done up by Mr.Wight,Hopks & ladies.

By turning back to April 16-it will be seen that the service of a particular kind of minister was contracted for- The same having thus gone through his 3 month's term-was this day waited upon to the place of his usual abode,by my son & Warren Sibley-who also had the honor of escorting him hither on the first of June or thereabouts.

WEDNESDAY,SEPT.2. Cool-cldy-Rainy by small showers-Merc. 50°-72°-58°- Father enjoyed a morning ride-Hopkins coachman. Much cutting of bushes in which Mr.Wight was active. Dr.Ashley & lady-formerly Miss Sophia Waters,arrived here. Came from among relatives in the E.part of Bennington-Got to Troy from Russell,St Lawrence Co,on Monday last where called on capt. E.Waters. Dr & lady in good health-No children excepting an adopted daughter very active & pretty-say 3 years of age. Mrs A. was brought up from a little girl of 10 to 18 years of age by the 2d wife of my grandfather- Time of service expired in the Spring of 1811- Lived several years afterwards in the family of L,now his hon. Judge L.Norton-Next about 1819 or 20 went to live with Bingham Hill's lady at their tavern house in Arlington where she became acquainted with her husband-to whom,after a rather protracted courtship,she was married and at length in 1825 removed to & ever since resided in the place above named where

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the Doc't became an established physician under favorable circumstances-enjoying a "Ride" of no mean extent- & being of the all predominant Party-allowed to hold the office of Town Clerk as well as some other little places at the disposal of the people of the Town. Our friend is a man of plain manners-personally of

good appearance- less talkitive than many-but what he does say is appropriate & fraught with good sense. His lady is a large good looking woman,like most of her sex some little disposed to loquacity,but never to flatness-entertaining & sensible in all she has to offer & this in a perfect spirit of openness & unvarnished fellow feeling. Born in Dec'r 1793. An unusually large drove of horses passed along the main road from the N. about 1 P.M. Hopkins & his good friend Warren Sibley thrashed out a small quantity of new oats. Cornstalks were given to the cows at night. Ab'm D.L.Whipple-absent from school-suppose to read " Novels".

THURSDAY,SEP't 3d. Cold morning followed by a fair day-Merc. 46°-69°-78°- Hopk's drove colt "Charley" in wagg.for his grandpa-to take his morning ride. Early apples gathered to sell at 18" to cousin N.L.Robinson- Stove bo't in Troy Aug 1834 blacked up in order to better the sale of it. Mr.Wight seemed to manifest a desire to enjoy solitude-particularly so P.M.-Dr.Ashley,wife,little girl, Mrs Bingham Hills & daughter of 6 yrs old & our sister Lydia rode off together to visit at Hon.L.Norton's. Mrs H. had not been to our house for some time past. She & Mrs A were great friends in their youthful days-Met often & held long interviews beneath the boughs of a certain venerable butternut tree standing at the first S.W. corner of S.H.Brown's Fay farm- Here were unreservably poured forth all that in any manner agitated the minds of the parties whether to provoke intemperate laughter or to stir up the opposite propensity to shed the sympathetic tear. Here was innocently laid the foundation of friendship which probably will endure to the end of life. Hopkins waited upon his aunt Lydia home past 3 P.M. driving "Charlie" before the waggon. Aunt L. much pleased with his behavior. Adeline rec'd the company of Messrs Foote & Burton & Misses S.Robinson & J't Miller-P.M. Cousin George P. arrived from his visit to his brother-in-law's in Essex,N.Y. Found H.Palmer doing good business in a very fine stone mill owned by a wealthy gentleman by the name of Ross. Great country for lumber-not a few people wholly engaged in that business-It must not be understood of P.that he was of that class- the mill to which his attention & employm't were confined was a first rate grister. Prospect good the present season. Shpuld stay the year ensuing. G. saw vast numbers of people deeply engaged in haying-presumed there would not be much fall feed in those parts where he travelled. Came home by way of Troy-Saw our good friend J.C.Presho who did himself the honor of presenting me an elegant ~~feet~~ ivory foot rule-superbly figured & marked off as usual with articles of the description. Billy Brownell bro't G. from T- Much of the evening was spent in talking over what had lately transpired-both in G's route & hereabouts since his absence.

FRIDAY,SEPT.4 Gloriously fair &,after a cool morning,it was immensely warm.
Merc. 40°-78°-80°- Dr.Ashley & lady called- took Lydia with them to H.Waters' where she remained during the day while Mrs Waters accomp'd them in their calls about E.Village,The ground,or rather the ditch in which was laid the lead pipe conveying water to the house,having been opened where there was a large leak-the water was stopp'd out-everything in readiness for repairing leak-Mr.Potter sent for but could not come-being intensely engaged in the removal of family & household stuff to the little office at the S. end of the Tin Shop of S & Brown- the place whence he removed was the house of J.C.Andrews. I saw him again & invited him to come down at sun about 1 hour high-He did so- but it was a failure because I forgot to inform him,the boys of my intention. Consequently they had let in the water which rendered the attempt at soldering at an hour so late,abortive. Much credit is due Mr.Wight for the spirited exertion he used on this occasion as well as on many others touching the well-being of this said aqueduct. Geo. much out of health-took part however in mowing rowen. Finished blacking stove-transported the same up street carrying a few apples beside- Father rode with me & attended Friday Meeting. In front of his house saw gen'l D.Robinson slowly retiring to his domicil aftertaking a short walk wrapp'd in his cloak in pretty good spirits-going to get well-no doubt. in that way I complimented him. Disposed of stove & apples at N.L's grocery-the former to be sold to the highest bidder-the latter he paid for in codfish & salt shad- Apples at 18"- codfish at 4 cs & shad at 6- The latter article overran am't of apps 10 cs which was paid in money. Saw at & ab't store capt. A Hyde,Sam'l Fay,D.Clark,J.S.Robinson & others. Settled with & paid balance due on book a/c to capt.M. S.Norton- $1.03"-the full of which was $1.69 cs-66 cs being credited for cheese had in July-1834- By request walked into the office of James Hubbell Esqr., saw the new article of manufactured stone from cement Shewed me also his Jour'l or only a few pages-detailing very prolixly recent events. such as the death & funeral of the late Mrs Betsey Robinson-lady of capt.Heman- Emptying water out of their great house cistern &c- From what he told me of his manner of writing-should infer that his entries were made with the utmost rapidity-far exceeding anything of the kind done by me. I think,however,the legibility of my hand richly pays for the want of speed. Promised to call again. At Sanford & B's was invited by J.S. Hinsdill's to putchase a copy of his Bennington map set on frame-price only $4.50.The bird was not so eaisly caught-had bo't the same under price on rollers- After getting home took part in a late milkig occasioned by troubles respecting the aqueduct.
A considerable flock of lambs belonging to S.H.Brown having been recently turned into the Fay Mead.-line fence of the proprietor as well as the part owned by us-being in no condition to restrain such animals-

they immediately betookt themselves to our side-were driven out by one of B's hands-but were soon overagain- so that there was no course left except driving them home & entering complaint which was faithfully performed by cous G.P.

SATURDAY,SEPT 5. Clear & most extremely warm-Merc. in shade 49°-82°-66°- Once in open sun saw the Merc. at 101°-- Cousin G. sick,but so as to keep about-Potter repairs aqueduct & rec's 50 cs in payment-covering all he had done last evening. Father & mother ride to H.Waters'- The question whether our sister Lydia should go to Russell with Dr.Ashley & lady

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having been referred to Dr. H. Swift-that gentleman upon a fair view of all circumstances in the case-decided in the negative-Father returned to assist about getting up rowen- Mr.W. & Hopkins caught trout by bailing out the water in certain places of the channel of the brook the main current of which they contrived to turn off-or if they did not do so-caught them some how or whether. Wife & self rode up street-making first halt at H.Waters'- next at F.Blackmer's-lastly at L.Patchin& Co&s. Bo't 11 yds calico without asking price-10 yds unbleached cotton shirting at 10 cs for bandaging cheeses- some saleratus & some tea. Found out am't cheese rec'd by D.Love in July-37 1/2 lbs at 8 1/2 cs-which being paid was set to my credit-$3.17". Lyman R. offered to pay it over to me,but I refused it at pres't. Capt.Hyde being present spoke of the silk business-of which he claimed to know much,& as he had learned of our leaning that way-gave us a word of caution-said he had seen the manner of carrying it on in Mansfield,Ct,pronounced it difficult,dirty,laborious,unprofitable business- While the female ran over to N.L.R's-I bo't of Mrs Widow Nathan Robinson-5 rennets & honorably paid 5/o for the same. Came down the Hill-rec'd Spectator-Aug 31 at F.Blackmer's-in which was the acc't of the great fire at Charlestown,Ms- & New Discoveries in the moon- Spent remainder of P.M. at H.Waters'- Hiram & Ashley not present-Took supper-Conversed with widow Gov. who was amongst the guests of Mrs Waters- She told me she had been to the W.even to Niagara Falls-appeared to be acquainted considerably with dairying-formerly in Hardwick,Ms made cheese from 20 cows- The remainder of the ladies besides mother & Lydia-were old Mrs Waters,Mrs Ford & Mrs Mary Ann Sears. Retired to a bunch of shingles (after previously trying to hunt up Waters & Ashley) perused N.Y.Spect,respecting the great fire at Charlesst'nMs. About sunset rode home with mother,L & wife-Took part in milking.

SUNDAY, SEPT 6. Great heat-Cldy-Thunder shower arose in the early part of the evening-commenced furiously-lasted but little while-few claps of thunder- Mercury stood at 60°-in the mg. 90°- in fair sun about 10 A.M., 84 °- in shade. Engaged but very limited time in reading-& that principally in N.Y.Spect. in which was the story by Mr. Emerald of the "Springhalts", & "Jimcracks"- to illustrate the empty pride & puffery of ignorant people who by sudden turn of fortune become rich. Date of paper containing it is 31 August. Those individuals of the family who visited the Sanctuary were-B.Harwood, J.A.Wight, A.M.& H H Harwood. Cous.G.P. contin'd some unwell. Mother & Lydia after service went to take leave of Dr A & lady who would depart from H.W's to-morrow morning. On Friday it should have been noted that a Mr.Morgan arrived from a journey to N.Adams Village to visit his sick son-fever had left him- suppose he might recover again-by being well taken care of. Had our mare to go with on the responsibility of uncle Sam Robinson who wrote a line by him to that effect on Thursday morning-The beast became lame-left her at Ware's' on the Line-distant 10 miles- Rode her home from the same & the like difficulty again occurred. Mr.M. demanded the price for use of mare-told him would let him know another day.

MONDAY, SEPT 7. Cool after the rain-many strong gusts N.W.wind-flying broken clds Merc. 56° early-57° P.M. 49 1/2° after dark- Chief business digging potatoes in garden-No.bbls-say 25-Mr.Wight in the morning looked over my Jour'l. assisted at digg.ps- 3 P.M. rode mare back to Hoosick. A part of the day was improved by me in visiting the E part of the town. Called at Doolittle's mill to see his balances & to enquire whether the same could be purchased- Nobody present at first but Mr.Hamlin, the miller-Soon after Mr.D. himself appeared- Proposed the thing to him, but he declined closing with any reasonable offer- Felt satisfied as to their accuracy-did not wish to try others. Ezekiel Gore Jun'r exhibited his newly invented tin cooking stove of which he spoke very highly- Price of the 2d size $11. Saw his patent which he had just rec'd through Hon. H.Hall-Signed by A.Jackson-Pres't-Mr.Forsyth-Sec State-B.F.Butler-Atty Gen U.S.- Mr.G.agreed to bring one to our house to use on trial. Drove to Stephen' Harwoods'-or to the bars of his lane-Saw his children & left word to have him come over to repair cider mill. Jared & David gone to Michigan-Rec'd one letter from them dated at or near Buffalo.doing well & determined to go ahead. Cous.S. was now absent at the Furnace to see if he could get another from them. On returning through the E.Village halted at J.Nortin's- congratulated him on the result of the late election-talked over the curious little arts of Jackson & Van B-ism-stuff respecting Bank-in which we agreed very cordially. We both regretted that the

J.party had made use of J.S. as a candidate-considered that with prudent management he might yet arrive at some station of importance. Came to H. Waters-heard of the arriv'l of capt.B.Whipple from Albany,N.Y.-Mr.Ashley & lady started for Arlington about 10 A.M.Lydia rode home with me-Abraham returned from Seminary-highly pleased on acc't of his uncle's paying him a visit. Saw & spoke with the capt-who appear'd quite well-Family had of late been much out of health. In the evening commenced writing letter to J.Collins Presho. Mainly to thank him for the manifestation of his kindness in giving information of so good a place for Hopkins-but that we did not design him for anything more than agricultural business &c-could not spare him. Next morning added a few lines thanking him for his last present & requesting to have him learn the lowest terms on which the 1000 lb balances which he & cous G. saw at Hart's could be obtained & inform me of the same. This PM. Ad.M. rec'd the company of the Misses S.Robinson & J't Miller-to see whether A would accompany them to Rupert. After some hesitation on the part of the "Old Fellows"-consent was ungraciously given.

TUESDAY,SEPT 8. Cold-slight frost-Plas't-temperate-Merc.38°-65°-60°- Made out bill of board,to capt,B.Whipple,of his nephew A D L Whipple 11 weeks up to the 10th inst-at $1.75-$19.25 commencing June 26- The cap't paid over in full & receipted the bill. On account of retirement of Miss Susan-soon to take place- requested the removal of Abraham-whose behavior had been very proper during his residence with us-but as our circumstances were-did not wish to continue him longer-Capt.said he would endeavor to get him in at the Seminary-He did so-to begin on the 14th

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Capt W.departed late in the morning-bearing a letter from me to J C Presho-which he to show his swift dexterity in business-folded himself. Our capt.as usual,on taking leave affected great bravery as to meeting the "King of Terrors."- Digging stones for wall N.of the Grove was the employm't of the day-Father,Geo Hopk's & Warren Sibley were thus engaged- I joined them P.M. Worked at dairy-A.M. Uncle Sam came down with Mr.Forbes for the sake of negotiating a horse bargain eveg. but failed. Paid Forbes in full for Adeline's shoes $1.37 1/2 c- & 6 cs for mending shoes Mr.Wight arrived from a pleas't visit at H.Falls-All-excepting Mrs Chandler Ball,who was yet very low, in good health. I.B.Dewey here-tarried the night. Mr.W. reported that C.Ball had recently sold sp'n horses for $800-money in hand- Miss Laura A Norton & cousin Hellen Safford came up about sunset staid awhile & were waited upon home by J.A.Wight Esqr. Miss Susan Bannister went to Rich'd Carpenter's for a visit-gone over night- Mr.W made a call at S.Scott's heard colleges rated low by Sam Senior. On the 7th omitted mentioning that Mr.Pedlar Sherman C.Blair

ca,e here near sunset-excused himself for not calling sooner-restored Susan's money-rec'd back his silk-sold mother a pair of silver mounted spectacles for $2-gave a Morocco case for his supper-and withdrew. See June 19.

Wed's (TUESDAY)SEPT 9. There had been a slight rain during the night-chilling N.W. Wd. ensued. General character of the day pretty fair-Merc. 56°-68°-56°-54°- Same business again-I.B. Dewey assisted until noon-Warren Sibley all day- Adeline & Hopkins started for Rupert-with the old Dutch mare-fat as a seal before the waggon which was purchased of S.& H.Parsons 1820-much out of repair-they wanted a better one but could not readily procure it. Mr.Wight helped make up a little party that went to pay a visit to the Olins in Shaftsbury-got back after dark. I drew up a short letter to my sister-in-law Mrs Parsons-Hoos.Fs- stating how good news it was to hear that there was a girl we might probably hire. That ours was going away soon,could not persuade her to stay-at the same time explaining,so far as to shew that by agreem't she had a full right to withdraw & that there was no ill will in the case. Described something of the general character of the lady wanted -to have her self-moving-Went on to give a rough notion of what we should expect her to do-amount of wages ($1 pr wk) we would give,&c- requesting our good sister to make all necessary inquiries & transmit an immediate account of the result to us. Sent it to the P.O. in season for the W. mail to go out this day. S.H.Brown's lambs having invaded the ox-pasture in a body this morning-some attention was necessarily bestowed on his part,as well as our own, of the fence against the W.side-None of it any too good nor was there any failure of much consequence. It was past noon-Returned to the house with the notion of going up town- In taking off beard-cut up a scab which made me bleed-felt vexed at being hindered by so trivial an affair- More than that- called for a clean shirt-a close rummaging ensued-all because my better half was absent at Mrs Kent's-The right one was not found-made it do with a wrong one-at length the real woman appeared & offered to correct the matter,but I,being under no moderate excitement,refused her interference-tried to reason on the subject to show up how contemptible a man must needs appear thus hampered when taking leave in haste- But she laughed at me & promised no reform-So after receiving the customary little helps from her-trudged off very calmly & peaceably-reading Pope's Essay on Man by the way- Went out by the Seminary-saw many persons of either sex- Near the junction of the Seminary & Troy roads-met Dr.H.Swift & Hon.H.Hall with Surveying apparatus-on what business did not enquire-Kept up the Hill to the Post Office. Kellogg invited me to take out a letter to G.P.Harwood-mailed early in Aug.at Essex,N.Y.-where he had recently been to visit the gent who it was presumed wrote it-therefore refused doing it- Saw one of the No's of N.Amer.Review for the last quarter of 1834 in which saw a part of the

Article on Spark's Washington Papers-among which was one containing Rules of Behavior proper for young people which he copied from some autho'r for his own useinto a book he kept for such entries-at 13 years of age. Near the Bk seeing capt. H.Robinson talking with Mr.Cromack-halted a few moments to listen-not in eaves-dropping spirit I would have it understood. Learned that Mr.C. was a very industrious man about 29 1/2 years of age- D.Robinson Jun'r coming across the Street from his father's walked with him up to Love's- Here met with a number of gentlemen of my acquaintance-To Wit- Col.O.C.Merrill-John S.Robinson,I.T.Robinson,Ora Armstrong-Gen'l N.Weeks and others. Col.M. said,alluding to Jackson men, that at the N.they had done at the recent election , much better than they had here. Something was said respecting the prevalence of intemperance from the fact that there was great dramming going on previous to,& on thed day of election in this town- I.T.Robinson strongly insisted on the right of the Constituents to instruct Memb's of Congress to which those members must pay implicit obedience or resign their seats. I held otherwise & denominated the doctrine-a sort of nullification- On coming down the hill-got Spect- of Sept 3 at F.Blackmer's- Made halt at Chandler's-talked a little about beef- but found them unwilling to make engagements far a head.Walked home pretty nimbly for me-read Spect.besides on the way. Took part in milking-Lydia also. Cowsdoing well-Cheese of the 8th wrighing 91 lbs-

THURSDAY,SEPT 10. Brok'n Cld's- air temperate-Merc.58°-70°-62°- Same business continued till noon-P.M. lane road between N & S meadows-some few rods E of the old stone bridge where board fence ends,was repaired,by plowing,scraping, hoeing & shovelling. Mr.Wight visited Harmon's-rode & liked the colt well- After his return-spent most of the P.M. with us-kept up spirits by telling good annecdotes- Sibley boy with us- Assisted me in dealing out green cornstalks to cows at night. Mrs Wrisley & Mrs Kent singly & respectively made short calls in the course of the P M. Annivers'y of Perry's Victory.

FRIDAY,SEPT 11. Frosty in the morning-hazy-cool air-Merc. 38°-67°-61°- Cheese shelves principally scraped by our faithful friend J.A.W. P.M. he & myself joined the digging stone party. Geo.& W Sibley procured a fine supply of wild turnip for mother. Mr.W. complained while at the latter employment digging stone of feeling great reluctance to whacking a-head- I didn't blame him at all for it- We were very thankful for his presence.A.DL . Whipple left boarding with us this day-informed us of Mr.Vail's having witnessed a balloon exhibition on Tuesday evening-See article in papers. M.had one of V's colts-breaking before his sham sulky.

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SATURDAY,SEPT 12. Many signs of rain-indeed there had been a slight supply over-night. Clouds flying from S. Merc. 54°-71°-61°- Forests began to assume the various hues of the sea-son,but only in a very limited degree. Pasturage generally short-grass-hoppers were reported to be nemurous divers parts of the country. Our rowen came nobly in aid of our cows. They were turned ,for the first time-this morning- the prrsn't sea's-upon the Little Meadow- Cooking stove removed from fire-place to the usual stand in the kitchen-pipe raised-everything thereunto belonging put in order for Win-ter. A few bhls oats-threshed- A quantity of apples gathered. Mr.Wight apparently in high spirits-this day 24 years of age- Played off many boyish pranks during A.M.- Afternoon rode colt to Deac Winslow's E.Village- & had it shod-2 time. Adeline & Hopkins having had a happy journey & visit to Rupert accom-panied by Miss Semantha Robinson-arrived safe home early in the evening.. The old Shaftsbury School-master-M.Cobb gave us a short call about sunset- to deep in his cups to give pleasure in conversation. Gave notice of the death of Supply Buck-one of the drafted militia men from that town who marched to Burlington-Sept 1812. Shewed a very fine letter from a son of his at the South-to himself of recent date-trying to persuade him off the vile practice of in-temperance in which he so frequently indulged- Mr.W. was the person to whom the letter was shown- The old man rather resentfully shook his head in allusion to the respectful-but plain unvarnished language made use of by his son. Mr.W. was highly pleased with it every respect because it bore evidence of abilities in the writer above,mediocrity. My reading this eve-ning was principally confined to "The Yg Ld's Own Book" in which found many fine things laid down by way of advice. Warren Sibley had worked here 4 days-

SUNDAY,SEPT.13. But little alteration in the weather-less wind-Merc.56°-66°-63°- While at breakfast rec'd by the hand of H.Waters a reply from J.C.Presho to my last by capt. B.Whip-ple-dated on the 8th. Seemed to regret my resolu-tion in regard to Hopkins. Related in laconic terms an account of his visit to N.Y.-Seeing on his return the balloon ascension of (the name could not exactly find out) on Wed.-4 P.M.-landing 20 miles E of the City to which he returned by about 12 at night. Mother,my lady,Miss S.Bannister,' Hopk's went not to church. Mr.W. returned home P.M. Before service rec'd the company of Mr.Elisha Smedley of Hinesburg-Vt with his 2d wife with whom had lived ab't two years. She was the widow of the late Dr.Pomeroy-Sister of the late Joseph House-youngest of the fam-ily-about 55- of good size & smooth countenance for age- Mrs Sally Harwood this day 42 years of age- in good health-weighing ab't 143 lbs. A.D.L.Whipple came down with a chum yesterday whom he introduced to me, as I understood him-to Mr.Longacre-yes,to Mr.Longacre -

some clothing & apples were what they wanted. The preacher this day at the old Congregational was James M.Haswell-candidate for a Mission to Burmah-Farewel Sermon-Voice extremely boisterous. Miss S. Bannister having tarried out the time she agreed to appropriate to our employment Rec'd $5 payment in full. making up $12 for as many weeks- The whole N'o of weeks she was with us amounted to 13,but on account of lost time-exacted pay for only 12- Waited upon home by Hopkins,late in the day. I read a few pages Scotch Rebellion-1745. Rained heavily at night.

MONDAY,SEPT 14,1835 Dark cldy morning-rainy before noon-something so P.M. Fine rain bow tow'd close of the day- Wd rather from,N.E on the chilly order-Merc.52°-65°-69 1/2°- All due preparations being had before hand-Mr.Smedley read chap't in N.Testm't & made prayer- Cow's baited in Litt.Mead. Cheeses rubbed & greased-turned of course. mostly by G.P.- Hops gathered-Father got 6 bhls rye & (1) none of corn ground at Walbridge's- Mr.Smedley & wife,about 11,off for W'stown. Mr.Wight,P.M' goes up street- returns Chapin's Comic Annual-enjoys the Military display of Officers at Drill- Returns with a letter from cous.Ellen M.Parsons to me-under date of 12th-from which inferred that there was a bare possibility of obtaining the girl I wrote for- Advised me to come out to see her myself- While in cheese room rec'd visit from a brother dairyman- Mr.Stockwell who hired Mr.Gould's E.Robinson farm & cows. Talked some of sending by him to Whitingham,where he soon expected to go to gallant home his excellent dairy maid to whom had paid $2 pr wk-to procure a girl for us in case of failure at Hoosick- Wight bro't home Spect's of 7th & 10t in which were some excellent articles- more especially the account of the Imperial bear- Constantine of Russia. Some of the time perused some pleasing passages in the Litt.Pock't Ed. of Franklin's Life. Warren Sibley kept close company with Hopkins most part of the day- Agreed with him to take for 4 days service the week past-62 1/2 cs-of which paid now 30. Miss L.Harwood returned home with father from H.Waters- At table this morning Mr.Smedley spoke vehemently on the side of Abolitionism.

TUESDAY,SEPT 15. Cold frosty morng- Pleast'n day-but chilly-Wd N. excepting late in the day when it changed to S.- Merc.33°-58°-42°- at 1/2 past 9 in the eveg. Geo,Hopkins being with him,sold out-say bhls apples-raised only 60 cs in money- Father dug stone for steady employment-turned his attention to some lighter concerns a part of the time. The everyday routine being accomplished,besides receiving the company of our neighbor L.Jewett who said,among other facts,that Albright of Pow'l had bargained his cheese,from about 20 cows,to C.Brown at $8- Rode in 1 h.wagg.to Hiram Barton's-Shaftsbury-left hide & calf skin to be tanned. Skins sent there May 2-not done-thought they could be by Oct 10- would drop me a line whenever they were ready. Noticed much deficiency in pasturage-better in this town than in

Shaftsbury. On return home-made short stop at capt. Harwood Sen's-himself getting over fever-confined to his bed- Finch too they considered likely to recover- conversed briefly with the ladies-getting late-drove on-meeting officers & men returning from training decked out in regimentals-Saw Montague getting in,of going to get in, the last of his hay for the season-talked swiftly a few minutes & then away-Arrived in street before sunset-left "Silk Culterist" in a way to get into the hands of C.S.Pool. Called on Dr.H.Swift rec'd written directions how to syrenge his ears-offered to lend books to me-Borrowed an old one which came into his possession by way of Gov.Robinson-a part of whose estate fell to his lady-she being youngest daughter of the late Capt.Moses R- eldest son of the gov'r- Chamberlayne's Pres't State of G't Brit'n 1754-55.- also borrowed Letters of Junius. Got home about dark- Mr. during A.M. amused himself most happily reading N.Y.Spect. P.M. rode up St. with me-returned after'd-fixing for College- Had some talk with Dr.N.Swift about high price of cheese.

1835,Bennington,Sept.16,1835
WEDNESDAY,SEPT 16. Most beautifully fair-wind mainly S.-Pretty considerable frost in the morning-but not severe just in this little neighborh'd-Merc.35°-68°-62°-51 1/2°-Dairying & digging potatoes. Sheese of 15th weighed 92 lbs from 34 cows- Baited cows in LittlMead. 5th time- One of Gibson's little boys was sent up to notify us that said cows had been into their garden-bitten off potatoetops & done some other mischief-Abstracted them immediately from the mead-turning them to pasture as usual. Father with mare & waggon waited upon our good friend Mr.Wight to Williamstown. Mr.W. went off in fine health & high spirits-Had enjoyed Vacation most pleasantly-far better than at any former time (~~of-the-preceding-ones~~) since his entrance at College. Felt as if he should prosecute his studies with more energy than usual,because he had refrained from study during all Vacation. He read over or rather rehersed to us,just before he left,many lines of his new Poem. It afforded us great pleasure to witness in our friend so much cheerfulness & hilarity He was very attentive to many of the daily duties imposed on us by keeping so many cows-manifested,as he ever has done, a warm & sincere regard to whatever he seemed to think would aid & carry forward our farming concerns-as may be seen by turning to certain dates in my Journal during the last 4 or 5 years-Let us therefore always duly appreciate the worth & merits of such a friend & let our conduct tow'd him prove that our hearts have not the insensibility of stone nor steel.

Be it remembered that L.Patchin Esqr-was engaged at this date in new roofing his house-old one taken off-ready to raise the new-By B.R.Sears. The new brick store erected on the spot occupied by his former one of wood-built more than 40 years since by

Strong & Porter,was now in great forwardness-by D. Ruttenbur-that is the woodwork-Masonry by Smith Montague.

THURSDAY SEPT 17. Slight frost in the morning- Hazy sky & S. wind seemed to portend rain-air temeprate & agreeable-Merc. 38°-67°-64°-56°- Business mainly the same-Cows baited again inN. Mead. Hopkins entered Brick Academy under Mr.Balch-land Graduate of Middlebury Coll. By H. sent line to Mr. Stockwell to hire a girl for us as talked of when he visited our dairy a few days since. Father arrived from Williamstown. Reported friends all well & doing well-rather scarcity of apples on Hoosick River-Some fields of corn injured by frost. Went to A.B.Cole's Cows had failed much for quantity of milk. Heard at Bridges' that Israel Cole had sold his cheese at o/6 pr lb-Felt that we were doing well in the dairy line-beating them in Will's all hollow- But let not this go as empty boasting-suffice it that such is the fact. let us be humbly thankful that we at present enjoy the blessing-very undeservingly no doubt. Improved a part of the evening reading the first Letters of Junius & the replies thereto. Mr.W. had the goodness to send up the 2d Vol of the B.Spectator & Telemaque. Read a little in the former-the latter was presented by him to Miss Ad.M.H.- It is worthy of record that our venerable pair of oxen were weighed up alive in front of Ben.Fay's store-weight amounted to about 3400-lbs. This evening saw the account of the attempt upon the life of the French King, July 28. The assassin totally failed as to his main object-killed & wounded a number of innocent persons among whom was the brave Mortier one of Napoleon's old Marshals- See Spect.of Sept 10.

FRIDAY,SEPT 18. Warm-heavy S. wind-broken clds-seemed to threaten rain. Merc.48°-70°-60°- Mainly digging potatoes in N.orchard. None but our family about house. G.P.,Mrs H. & daughter & self were for a short time after dinner employed in dairy room,turning,rubbing & greasing cheese. N.L.Robinson brought down a pot to be filled with butter-Did not commit purselves on that,kept clear of butter promises-going straight ahead on the cheese plan as usual. Cousin N. informed us that a Mr.Boon of Berlin sent word by Mr.S.W.Daniels that he was paying $8 pr cwt for cheese in that vicinity-desired me to write him concerning ours. Two or three P.M. drove away for Hinsdills' with wife- Slight trading on cr was done to am't of 71 cs. William Hinsdill appeared to have some trouble with a lady Factory customer who wanted to trade more rapidly than her daughter could earn at the Factory- Called on our friend J.N.Hinsdill-whp was surrounded by his Bennington Maps under a part of his wood shed which he had fitted up very comfortably for such purpose. Seated me in a swing that vibrated most nobly-To enquirers respecting price of Butter & Cheese he listened attentively- produced the papers from N.Y. & Boston in which the Prices Current ran for cheese at about 8 cs in the former- 8 1/2 or 9 in the latter. Engaged to write a letter to his friends in Worcester

C'o Ms for information which he supposed might be worth $5 to me. Charges to be at my expense of course. Coming home-saw Ira Haynes' lady-rec'd on her daughter's Cr about 1 run stocking yarn-could have more by & by- Paid old lady o/9 in full for coloring- Halted at L.Patchin & C'os-traded again to some amount-bo't whip,two pairs worst'd suspenders & some other trifling concerns. Whip at 3/9-suspenders at 1/o a pair. Late getting home. Adeline went too as far as the Street-of course returned at the same time-Took part at milking

SATURDAY,SEPT 19. Cldy,chilly S. wind- Rain expected-Merc. 54°-66°-62°- Business the same,in the same field. But not so to the end of the day Ladies,that is, Ad.M. & her mother-went with us up to the upper orchard,gathered fruit principally for drying. Hopkins gone with the colt to training-Matthews opened sore on his back. Our good friend William Daniels or S.W.Daniels came down on horseback to see & let me know respecting Mr.B.as alluded to above- I had written him this morning-sent letter to P.O. by Hopkins- Invited him to come & see & buy ,if he wished to-If not, to say what he would give for the dairy. Daniels told me had rec'd a late letter from his brother Orren of Scipio,N.Y. in which he desired it to be communicated to me that he had been buying a small place- consequently wanted I should quietly wait on him two years !!! William Bates made a friendly call at night-had a ~~six~~ pair of good oxen for sale at his father's. Weight of cheese up to 18't-1559 lbs for the present month.

SUNDAY,SEPT 20. High wind early in the day from S.E. Gradually ceased or moderated down to a faint breeze-slow fine rain nearly 2/3 of the day. Therm. stood in the morng at 54°-56-at night. Geo. Adeline & Hopkins went in wagg. to church-heard preaching from one of the Haswells'. Letters of Junius furnished me most of the reading. Cheese of 19th weighed 90 lbs Entered on Jour'l little more than this page. Junius was a giant in Politicks.

1835,Bennington,(Vt) Monday,Sept 21,1835

Rather on the chilly order-cldy-some rainy-P.M. Merc. 47°-66°-53°-Wd.S. our attention was divided between dairying & digging & providing storage for potatoes. C.B.Matthews visited us before noon-announced to us that the suit pending between him & Willard Bates of Pownal was decided in his favor by auditors-of whom J.S.Robinson was principal. Father went in waggon among Breeses' of Hoosick and bo't nearly 1 bhl wint.wheat-tow'd which paid 75 cs-remainder 56 cs to be left at F.BLackmer's. On his way home-visited the Harmon dairy-Learned that during the season they had made & sold 1400 lbs butter at 1/o. From Junius's Letters-should infer that the Dukes of Grafton and Bedford were two infamous characters Earl of Bute not much better. Cheese made on the 9th--20th weighed 88 lbs. I shall relate an instance of heedlessness in myself with no more accuracy than to

state that by leaving my wallet in a very exposed situation containing Bank notes to the am't of $35, my worthy companion, after the lapse of many hours, finding it, secured to herself ten dollars & having caused me some anxious inquiries, safely placed the remainder of the treasure in my hands with a word of caution against doing the like again.

TUESDAY, SEPT 22. Broken clds- Sun let down heat upon us by flasks-Quite a shower of rain after dark-no part of the day very warm-Cool eveg. Merc. 48°-60°-55°- Corn growing E. of the dairy house-fine growth-was cut up & bound in bundles in our usual way- Young Ovait called & talked awhile respecting what he knew of cheese dealing- Visited our friend Brown of Williamstown-yesterday- L. Jewett had sold his dairy de iv'd in Troy N.Y' at 8 cs. Young A.B. Cole was trying to get him to buy his at o/6, but did not succeed while he was present- B. offering no more than 8 cs. Mr. O. saw ours & of course liked it-Told me his father kept 20 cows the prest'n season. B. would start this day for N. York- Should send up a person next week to put up J's cheese & to go over to see Mr. Ovaitt's. Old Mr. Loomis returning from town made father an acceptable short visit-looked at dairy & all about the premises. Geo., Hopk's & Adeline rode up to H. Waters' & to F. Blackmer's-from the last rec'd 1/2 lb S. Arnotto on book at 58 cs pr lb. H. Waters thought it best not to sell the dairy yet. Col. Penderson of Shaftsbury, being introduced to us by S.H. Brown, wanted to buy our oxen if we wished to sell.-but replying in the negative he went his way. The cows were baited 1 1/2 hours in N. Mead. this morng. Fayette, our old black dog-of Hiram Wallace memory, besides displaying unusual energy in driving the cows this morning- very laboriously dug a large deep hole in the earth in pursuit of game not known to exist there- so he had his labors for his pains-Toiled great part of the day and caught nothing. Junius's Letters were in my hand again this eveg.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23. Another frost-Handsome flying clds- Wd. N. Merc. 37°-60°-66°-49°- of course it was cool, but not uncomfortably so. Corn drawn of the patch E of the cheese house and stocked up N. side of the barns. Pumpkins (1 cart load) & potatoes gathered. Cows admitted therein at night, at which they seemed wonderfully pleased. Mother & Lydia rode off together up town-the former paying a visit to Mrs Street & daughters-enjoying therein no small satisfaction. So many new things-so much economy & regularity-fine situation-house & land paid. But poor Betsey in her eagerness to avail herself of the means to accomplish these & other desirable ends & purposes was killing herself wielding the needle. Yet reading Junius in the evening. Ishmael Titus, the ancient blackman of Williamstown, Ms-took lodging with us for the night. Stated his age at 91-but I doubt it-Said he had applied to the proper authorities for a pension-but failed on account of being a slave in time of the Revolution. He ran away from his master- I think in N. Carolina- somewhere

about those days-suffered much in making good his escape. Storngly against Abolitionism.

When particulars are given-the marriage of Thomas Kent shall have a conspicuous entry in this Jour'l.

THURSDAY, SEPT 24. More cloudy & much cooler than on the 23d. Weather very unsteady-varying from 55°- to 66°-in a short time during the middle part of the day. Merc. 39°-53°-60°-66°-58°-(58°-)48°- Ground E of cheese house lately covered with Ind corn was plowed by G.P. Father paid visit to his sick cousin-capt Perez Harwood Sen'r-getting better slowly- Winter wheat brined for sowing-corn in stooks bound up with bands of straw. Cows, to induce them to visit their usual night pasture, baited in the evening with cornstalks. Our ladies rec'd fine visit from Mrs D. Waters & children & Miss Cromack. Cheeses held out in size most remarkably for the season.

FRIDAY, SEPT 25. Continued cool & cldy-Frosty mg. Merc. 36°-59°- Sun an hour high at night- descended rapidly afterw'd-even to 53°. It was found on sowing the little patch above named, that there was not seed enough. Went to see E. Fay to get wheat-found him sowing rye on his mountain lot-Calvin was harrowing it in. The deacon could furnish us with no pure wheat seed- Had grown some wheat, but it was so adulterated with rye as to render it unfit to sow. As I was going past the grave of Amos Brown-halted long enough to read the short inscription chisled in plain antiquated style on the tombstone erected to his memory-from which we learn that he was the son of Jonathan Brown-Died March 24-1794-of small pox-in his 15th year. This young man was an apprentice to the shoemaking & tannning business under Col. Elijah Boardman at the time he was inoculated. Hew He was the only person among a number of others who were carried throughna course of small Post by capt. Hutchins at a pest house which stood a few rods N or N.W. of a certain small spring on the Hon. L. Norton's farm. Col. B. was highly opposed to Brown's having the disease, but so determined was he to have it that he imprudently exposed himself-thereby taking it the natural way previous to inoculation.

The mountain land whereon Deac. F & son were employed-was cleared up more than 40 years since-Lemuel Tracy had a hand in it. Let me say that I recollect young Brown-but rather faintly-His birth was said to have been illegitimate. His father had the reputation of being wealthy-resided, at the time of his son's death in Pittstown-N.Y. Afternoon visited on foot the residence of Sam'l Lawrence to see if he had seed wheat-Found him boiling potatoes for hogs. Conversed a shorttime on common place affairs.

1835 Bennington, Sept 26, 1835

Mr. L. had grown a small quantity of inferior wint. wh't-much

amalgamated with rye-would nat do to sow-Turned on my heel-reached home late in the day. The corn planted on the 22d May,last,was cut up-mainly light some of it good-many pumpkins-very few ripe. Father & motherattended Friday meeting. With Geo.P. & my son rode into the Street-F.Blackmer had flour at $6.75- L.P.& Co had none-but said if they had had it would charge but $6.50-Bo't 1 bbl the same of N.L.Robinson at the same rate paid down-and 9 1/2 lbs brown sugar for $1 booked. At first call he was gone to E. Montague's to wait upon his lady home. While waiting at Love's-conversed with M.L. Selden-who stated his age at 47 last April-Agreed with me that it was apparently but little time since the first of Jany 1800. Remembered being at the blacksmith's shop of Col.M.Norton who remarked that it was the first day of a century-the first of the month & the first working day of the week. As to its being the first day of the century-the Col was under some mistake-that day did not arrive until the next year. Saw at the grocery Mr. Jacob Pool & Page Haynes- Came to Dr.H.Swift's-saw W.Durrell who came to this place in 1804,then 17 years old worked for capt. M.Rob Sen'r in whose service he was employed on the E road this side D.Weeks' where I first became acquainted with him. My uncle Jonas Harwood I think was of the party- as also old John Crofoot. Bo't of Mrs S.o/9 qorth rennet on tick- Returning homeward called at Root's where they wanted 42 cs-for 1 rennet-did not purchase. Nine o'clock when we got home.

SATURDAY,SEPT 26. Cold-flying clds-Merc.at 40°-59°-40°- at night- The patch E of cheese room finished off sowing with rye. Corn drawn up & drawn to the yard N.of the barns,potatoes dug,cheeses turned & rubbed. Evening-up street-Bo't rennets of divers individuals. One,of Mrs U.M. Robinson-on book to go against beef had last July at 1/o- 4 of Mrs W.Haswell at the same rate-besides Vermont State Papers-1 copy-original price $2- all to be paid in apples-Mr.Haswell to set his prices both ways. Of Mrs A.Robinson 4 at 25 cs-old ones-p paid for in money-One,of old Mrs Chandler at 25 c pd 7 1/2 do of J.Brooks-to be paid in butter at 1 lb a piece. N.L.Rob gave encouragement for good sale of stove.

SUNDAY,SEPT 27. Very fine & pleas't wind S. large frost-Merc.34°-67°-57°- Rode to Hoosick Falls in 1 h wagg with my lady-Saw signs of Mc Ad Road- Greatly i,proved beyond the old Kenion place- Spoke with C.B.Matthews at Jewetts' Farmer's Inn- All well at Aunt Ruth's-Present-cousin Henry & wife,Annis & Ellen,Almira Mallory-, Ruth,Joanne,Orville,Seth Edw'd-Paid short visit to my old friend J.Rogers & girls & litt.boy-Mrs R visited us at aunt R's-Agreed with Rog's to sound a certain person on a particular subject-See Ap'l 1834- R's little boy appeared smart-his father

said he resembled in his notions my son. Baited mare at H.Parsons'- Hiel told me that there resided in Scipio-N.Y. a gentleman by the name of Joseph Martin who was an excellent agent for the transaction of every kind of trust business. Rogers said his half sister Adeline Stone was married to Russell Palm- Returned Travels of Cyrus-borrowed Nov 30-1834- Got home after dark-Saw a good deal of fine grass feed in Hoosick. Hiram Waters & lady came down in the eveg. A good many notions advanced on H's plan of buying up sheep to let McDonald keep-&c &c-

MONDAY,SEPT 28. Gloomy-cldy-chilly-wind N.W. Unusually cool-Merc. 48°-66°- Digging potatoes going on by father & Geo. I was at F.Blackmer's- Wrote instructions to Mr.Hunt who went by stage to Albany to take water for N.Y. To inquire into the cheese speculation very thoroughly-Having 6 bhls rye on board of my waggon-started for Walbridge's mill- Saw Sam'l Fay Esqr. & Lawyer Squires conversing together on politicks. did not have much confidence in men's professions of honesty. At the mill found that no buisness was going on-water all let off- repairing paper mill dam. The miller presumed could grind for me before night. Dined with S.D.Walbridge-rec'd from him $3 in full for cheese-mentioned a charge of 50 cs on his book for certain service-which he said he would not now exact until I could examine my cash entries to see if possibly I had paid it over & he forgot to cross out- Told him I was not sure how it was-but presumed his book to be correct-we would however examine books & see- If he had never bro't it up-never should have known but that it was paid-the business which gave rise to it having been transacted by Dr.S.Robinson or cous.N.L.Robinson- to whom however not the slightest blame is imputed. Something was said respecting the Thompsonian system of Medicine,which seemed growing rapidly popular. Atheism according to the profession of Dr. Thomps'n was explained by our friend Walbridge. A youngish man who had lately returned from Truxton,N.Y. endured much sickness while there rec'd great benefit as he conceived from physicians of the New School. Called on Hiram Waters who with Benj.R.Sears & a numerous assemblage of hands-found employed on dam & flume. He requested me to go with him to J.N.Hinsdills- Woodhouse thronged with girls & Bennington Maps-Joseph sat down to dinner alone-having been absent when the family dined- The scheme of H.Waters buying up sheep to be kept by Mr.McDonald of Hebron,N.Y.- until in that way he could get his pay was very freely discussed & as far as it went,was approved of. J.N. said he had written to his friend in Worcester Co concerning cheese-presumed I should obtain an answer that might be worth to me a five dollar bill-professed no small anxiety that our dairy would bring a high price-say 9 cs- Rode over to North Bennington on new road.Made enquiry re-

specting Miss Katherine Nelson of White Creek,N.Y. Visited shop of the Beach's-were acquainted with & spoke well of her-Found Mrs Christie,her grandmother,who said she had not been there from Hoosick as we were led to expect when there on Sunday-Gave good acct of her-supposed she had gone to her mother's in White C.-Very uncertain whether she could be had. Old lady-washing at Asa Doty's. Man of the house & family in usual health. Nothing definite learned on this subject-Conversed some with friend D- Left in season to reach home by about dark. C B Matthews rode home with me from the Street. Robert Noble came to buy oxen-offered $85- Staid over night-It should be entered here-paid $2 money to J.Brainard toll tow'd-

TUESDAY,SEPT 29. Cold-flying clds-chilly-Merc 40°-49°- sunset-Ah indeed-say at sun one hpur high- sunset 47°- Started for Hinsdillville-Halted in Street to converse with hon.H Hall on Removal of Deposits &c- Drove on to said Village- called on Mr Kinney the clergyman to go to our neighbor Gibson's to officiate at the burial of an infant that had died the day previous-Said he would attend & did so.

1835,Bennington,October 1st 1835

Borrowed of Hiram Waters 120 1/4 lbs fore qt beef- Rec'd the whole q'r at Hinsdills'- left a piece at his house-weighed next morning as here set down-Coming home met Mills & Noble-conversed respecting the oxen-at length Mills offered $87 1/2. turned round & came home with me-dined-completed the bargain-paid $87 1/2 & drove off the oxen- Talked respecting the dairy-Mills went so far as to bid 1/o y higher pr cent than C Brown would offer for it-,but his friend Noble telling him he had offered the same as $8 1/8 pr cw't backed out- Offer of $8 to stand for 10 days. Mrs Wrisley paid us a visit.Mrs Warren washed. Father attended funeral at Gibson's- Main farming employment was digging potatoes in S.Mead. The last service performed by our most respectable old red exen was that of drawing home a cart load of potatoes. A word or two must be written concerning those faithful,noble looking old animals. Were reared on this farm.the one ten the other eleven years old-But I mistake-their ages were 11 & 12- the eldest being an Oct'r & the youngest a Feby calf-1823-1824. They were heavy, pretty fair built cattle-good at all sorts of business allotted to oxen- more especiallyin drawing great lds of hay- Girted about 7 ft 4 inches-good grass fed beef when driven away-Were pretty generally known all over town. Our friend Wight though much of them-Color-pale red- When the old Dutch mare,as many times wasthe case-was hitched on before them-I can assure you my friend-something must move-strength & beauty were united-they constituted a famous team.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30. Severely cold, cldy-Wd N.W. Some snow flying- Merc. 28°-69° fair sun- 44 ° in shade-42° at sunset. A quantity spoiled beef was got up out of the cellar, put in the big caldron & boiled for soap grease- See july 17- S. Mead. cleared of potatoes-of which in all produced on that patch there were about 110 bushels. The corn patch also cleared of pumpkins. very few ripe. A few bhls potatoes dug in the N. orch'd. Quantity of cheese made during the present month-green wt amounting to lbs 2579- Dr. Emerson Hull of Berlin, N.Y. came to see the dairy with the view of buying-tarried all night- Entertained us most delightfully with an account of his late travels at the S.-S.W & W.-performed chiefly during the years 1832 & 1833. Described ancient fortications. burial places, &c- No friend of Gen. Jackson-nor of Col. Johnson-No Abolitionist- Said our old friend Chas. Brown had become a Universalist Preacher some where in the W. part of the S. of N. York.

THURSDAY, OCT 1st. Rough, cold, chilly, black, cldy- Rainy at night-Merc. 42°-51°-46°- Dr. H. examined and was well pleased with the dairy-called it a fine one- Offered to pay 50 cs a piece for casks & $ 8 1/4 pr hund. deliv'd in Troy with deduction of interest. This was his first bid-Afterwards added that all he could clear on it over 50 on the hund. he would pay us in the bargain. Would allow 2 weeks for acceptance of terms. Told him I would write C. Brown to get an offer & if he should not come up to it, or only as high, -he should have the preference. Father stuck to his potatoes-Geo. & self conveyed the old waggon up street-to be repaired at Ogden's- At F. Blackmer's saw S.L. Godfrey, Jun., paid him in money $3.75 being about the am't due for teaming. Wrote letter to Caleb Brown at N. York. Stating the offer I had rec'd for dairy & requesting his best bid-with an assurance that if it should be. liberal, it might start it. Wrote another to Wolcott & Gordon-requesting what they would pay for thecheese deliv'd in N.Y.? Mentioned W's having seen it 22 July. Those letters were entered at the P. Office-Rec'd letter from Mr. Converse of New Braintree, Ms, enclosing another to J. Hinsdill. The contents addressed to me went mainly to show that there was a great scarcity of butter & cheese in all that region. Gave his opinion that the price of cheese must rise to 9 cs-if not higher. Called on C.S. Pool & talked respecting harnesses-Agreed for a halter of the newest fashion. Came home & took part in digging potatoes. Saw, while at Blackmer's, old Mr. Cutler who stated that his son-in-law E. Lyon, was much out of health-inclining to consumption.

FRIDAY, OCT 2. Remained unpleas'st, Cldy-Wd. S. a part of the time- Rained near night- Merc. 48°-56°-48°- Mr. E. Smedley & lady left this morning for Hinesburgh- Staid with us over night

Potatoes & cheese made employment for home- Geo. got home the big waggon from Ogden's with new tongue & some slight repairs- Mare & colt harnessed before it-driven by C.B.Matthews who happened here casually-Stated that Mr.Stockwell had made a bad bargain in the sale of his dairy of cheese-to Booth Dewey & Co-at $7 1/2- partly in goods. Aunt Sarah Robinsom came up on horseback-Related particulars of her visit to my aunt Waterman's,Brookfield,N.Y. In health-circumstances not the most agreeable- Weighed this day's cheese-amounting to 75 lbs-Took of beard ready for the morrow-

SATURDAY,OCT 3. Cloudy-chilly-Wd N.- Very slight rain-Merc.in the morning 35°- Not observed afterwards. The usual business of the morning being disposed of,such members of the family as wished it,went into town to witness the Grand Cavalcade consisting of a long procession of handsomely painted cage waggons containing the various animals of the Zoological Institute,drawn by most noble looking grey horses- splendidly harnessed-preceded by the Z Band- whose music could not be surpassed-seated in a most elegant omnibus-to which was attached 4 fine bays in rich brass mounted harness. In front of the whole came the very majestic War Elephant-"Columbus" with his richly decorated saddle with several boys mounted thereon. In this imposing style they entered the Centre Village-proceeded up the Hill as far as the court house-wheeled- came down to the meeting house-turned down the E.road-paying due respect to E.Village- Returned to the Congtl meetinghouse- thence to tge Gr'd Pavillion where all was arranged in usual good order for exhibition. Shall omit farther description-not however forgetting to give due credit to the Zoological Band for their most excellent music with which they cheered the numerous audience of gent,ladies in attendance. The same ground was occupied as on the 21st Aug-1834- Of our family only my lady & self visited the scene- but I am too fast-Geo.P. & Hopkins were also there. Adeline & her aunt Lydia were at H.Waters & stole some sly peeps over the top of the side canvass.

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Saw the ladies riding the Elephant-a performance executed twice very gracefully-This was the most perfect beast of that species I had ever seen-best provided with tusks- The selection of birds was pretty rare- of which have only time to mention the real fine Ostrich-a noble specimen. The Rhinoceros had shed his horn-there only being a moderate protuberance in its stead-which in process of time would form another-In regard to seeing one of the keepers enter the cages of the Lions,Tigers,Hyaena &c- must enter my solemn protest against the rash act. The family of monkeys was numerous & full of vanity. Many persons were there with whom I was well acquaint

ed among whom let me record the names of Judge L. Norton, L. Jewett, Isaac Cole, old Mr. Vail, Aaron Osborn with his lady &c- Friend Jewett had lately sent off cheese which as well as his sister's was sold to Caleb Brown Esqr, for about 8 cs deliv'd in Troy. He informed me that Mr. Spellman-B's clk-who came up to cask J's dairy-talk of coming to see me respecting our cheese-but on enquiring of my friend what I asked for it-& receiving for answer-10 cs pr lb-he said it would of no use to visit me-so went his way-Jew't had actually heard from Sam H. Brown that that was my price- which arose from a reply made in a half joke to Mr. Sanford one day as I walked past the store-Spellman, in obedience to his employer's order, was going to make me an offer of $7 1/2 only. I resented it-taking it as an insult-considering the standing of the dairy & the good demand dairies of all descriptions were in at this time. Gen. Henry Robinson paid me in or near the Post Office $1.60 cs in full for cheese-sold to him Apl 10th- This was in the morning- Soon after Lawyer Squiers saw & invited me to his house to rec. a balance of 38 cs due for the like article which he cheerfully handed over- Took me into his garden to see several species of grape he had successfully cultivated-gave me some of the fruit to eat which I esteemed quite delicious. Dined at H Waters with Isaac & Russell Judd & their respective girls as well as my sisters & daughter.

Dairies

After quitting the Gr'd Pavillion- just halted a moment to look at books offered for sale on board of a pedlar's waggon- was offered Milton's Poetical Works in 1 Vol at 50 cs. On the Green in front of F.B's store was stationed "The Vehicle of Wonderful Phenomanon". Containing scenery which the proprietors were not permitted to exhibit without paying $50 for license-which they refused to give-therefore it stood mute. It was a curiosity being nothing less than a fine room mounted on four massive wheels-drawn by six large horses. A door opened from the rear to admit spectators-the height was sufficient for the tallest persons to stand upright with perfect ease. 28 feet long & about 10 wide. Built in the town Quincy-Ms-by-if I rightly recollect-a Mr Tyrrel. Let me add one particular more. The afore'd Vehicle rested on enormous steel springs most judiciously adjusted.

Came home in pretty decent season. Assisted at all the various duties devolving upon us daily at this season of the year. Father had manifested a desire to see the animals some days previous to this- & we really imagined that he would go up with us early in the day- But on being made acquainted with their manner of entering town-it didn't meet his mind-it was taking up too much time. had seen horses before &c-So we went off without him. Previous to starting-went purposely to enquire of him whether he really meant to attend-He said he should. After my return-learn'd that he actually dressed to go-even proceeded a few rods

from the house-turned back-undressed & spent the remainder of the day digging potatoes & these had to be disposed of in the evening-coming vastly in contact with our scheme of attending the Musical Concert promised by the Z.Band at the C.House. Finally cous.G.P. seeing that Adeline & myself were pretty anxious to attend-gave up his own chance-very kindly helping us away with all expedition-afterwards assisting father in getting out of his potatoe troubles. The musical entertainment was up to all we could anticipate-pieces grand & nobly performed. Comic songs ably sung in the costume & color of the poor innocent African. All went of finely-Audience sufficiently numerous & respectable-Young E.H.Chapin & J.S.Merrill were seated near me.

Colt weigh'd

Got home by ab't ten eveg. Charlie the colt was weighed on Mr.Blackmer's new Scale by which it was demonstrated that he pulled down 892 lbs. Z.B'd performed sleigh bells Waltz-New to me.

SUNDAY,OCT 4. Chilly S.W'd bro't up rain-but of no great account,gloomy cldy-Merc in the morning-39°-47 1/2°- at night. All hands off to meeting excepting my lady,Lydia, self & Hopk's. Sermon by (Mr.Smith)Mr.Johnson-soliciting alms or funds for the American Seamans' Friends Society. Some money was collected. Our respected friend J.C.Presho came here on Saturday evening-went away to Benton's at night- Much was said in regard to Adeline's going in stage to Troy-to which I felt opposed. At last it was settled that she should go. Hop's & self went for E.Village-Presho rode with us to the Centre. He inadvertantly mentioned his pecuniary wants-I agreed to do him a small favor in that way. Saw Geo.NortonJun & another young man who were met & enquired of whether J.Dewey were at home-said he was not-After Hopk's had attended to a slight errand-Say to get bear's oil for young Corbiere of Troy-(to cultivate whiskers no doubt) at Henry Norton's-and searching some for Dewey-looked once in Weeks' barroom-Came to his house & left with his lady $2.45 cs to be paid at Montpellier on my Premium Note to Mutual Insurance C'o. See Cash book-Oct 3-1834. On returning home sat up late-writing- Presho went to B's on the eveg of this day.

MONDAY,OCT 5. Frosty mg- Cldy-unpleas't-wind S- Rained in good earnest from 2 to 4 P.M. Merc. 39°-61°-53°-54°- at s set. 8 eveg-58°- Digging potatoes still going on-Hopk's stays away from school on acct of bile- Loaned to

J C Presho

John Collins Presho $25 on note due first Jany.1836-That gentleman & Miss A. were conveyed to H.Waters' preparatory to going in stage to Troy. But it was a failure-owing to the negligence of the people of the stage house. The former came down at night-assisted at milking &b tarried until morning with us. Geo. & Hopk's visited Algiers-bo't of J.Sharp 2 1/2 lbs salt pork for which paid in full $2.37 1/2 cs-Lent to Ira B.Dewey-gun & equipments for training-

worked at cleaning the former this eveg- Mr.W. Bates came up to consult about aelling his oxen.

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TUESDAY,OCT 6. Cldy-very rainy some parts of the day-wind S. until a late hour in the day-then changed to N.W. Merc. but a small remove from 62° thro out. Hds hooped-put to soak &c- Friend Presho after breakfast started for Troy-had much trouble to preserve his seat to himself- which notwithstanding a firm agreement the driver strove stoutly to wrestle from him,but could not nor did not prevail. Hopk's goes to training. Lent to I.B.Dewey $8 in money. Received a letter from Caleb Brown Esq'r dated N.Y. Oct 3-1835- Accompanied by a long course of reasoning showing the state of the cheese market-difficulty of effecting high sales- naming the price paid for Israel Cole's-telling me he would give me the same-no man could afford to give more the present year-expecting me to take the course I should think would be for my interest-Had had our cheese for years-should like to have it again-not thinking to make money on it this year,it cannot be done but to keep it straight and that hereafter it might be still continued as number 1 in the Market. Goes on to mention a Western dairy which he designed letting a customer have who had formerly had ours-which he could sell there at $8 1/2- &yours you see I can do nothing with like making money-Yet proceeds to make his offer-which was to give 8 1/4 cs-first of Jany next or cash on delivery-deducting interest up to first of s'd month- 50 cs a piece for casks including transportation of 1 load-say 17 or 1800 to Troy- Endeavored strongly to show the impropriety of changing the course of the dairy. Cheese selling from 7 to 8 3/4- had sold but a single dairy at 9 cs. Should expect a reply by return mail. Plenty of cheese coming in from the West-could be sdd for less than E.dairies because bo't for less at home- that I should be satisfied some time how the men would come out who were paying 8 cs for cheese- alluding particularly to Hull & Boon as such-were sending in cheese there that lay on hand & must contin so on account of bad weather &c- They were the only men heard of who had bo't at such prices-had enough to do to make well at the prices paid this year- as well as himself &- all had enough to do- & he feared too much for their faculty this season. Say yes or no- he writes- & I am satisfied.

It was past noon when the letter was bro't me by Hopkins- It put me to thinking rapidly-Wanted confidence in the writer-he had once deceived me- & I was resolved he should never do it again- could not tell but that he could afford to do much more - at any rate concluded it was best to take time to consider-In the evening called on our old friend F.Blackmer to take counsel on the subject- He confessed want of information- but decided for "Holding on"- Would write Caleb a non commital-try for a

little more-perhaps he had not come up to his top notch- My friend like all the rest in this quarter was sanguine in the belief of high prices-Not only so but he felt that it would be well to try a new dealer- conceiving a very unfavorable opinion of the old one-so it was with the whole company present - consisting of cap't P.Dewey -A.D.Robinson,Jacob Brooks,Seth Billington,cap't Ed.Pratt & perhaps-Isaac Ripley-of the last I may say positively-as his name is regularly entered on minute paper. Carried the letter over to Dr.N.Swift's- Edw' only present- had not much to offer-thought however that the time for high prices might be past-hardly knew what course he should prefer-Said it was a good sign to see B in haste to close the bargain- treated the mention of his Western cheese coming is-as mere swell. Ed. soon to go to the S.--Returned home & sat up to a late hour writing an answer to C.Brown- I regret now not copying or taking down the sense of that letter. As near,however, as can be recollected,it started with saying that his offer was no better than the other gentleman's (name of Dr.H. not inserted)- Supposed dairies like ours must go higher, the present season,than at what he had offered-told him of reports of high prices in various sections of the country- Wanted time to consider- & in allusion to former troubles occasioned by taking the bait too quick- wrote that a burnt child dreads the fire. Best to pause before giving the final word confirming a thousand dollar bargain. Acknowledg d his services in promoting the dairying interest during the period in which he had been dealing in cheese-calling him the Napoleon of the cheese market. Concluded with something like this that if he wanted me to continue business with him year after year- he must use me well or I would surely bolt. In the body of the letter tried to have him understand that our article was good-altogether superior to any we had ever made- telling him all liked & wanted to purchase that had examined it-meaning Mills & others. Mainly carried the idea that should he use me well & do all he could for me-he should have my business. Letter from J.A.Wight-Oct 3-rec'd

WEDNESDAY,OCT 7. Cold forepart day-warm & pleas't a part of the time- cold & rainy in the evening- Merc. 39°-67°-50°- Seventy five bhls potatoes dug-Henry Warren & Warren Sibley assistants- For the sake of information touching a matter of so much importance as the sale of 12000 lbs cheese- thought proper to ride to N.Adams-Ms- taking Sibley boy with me to Esqr.Bates to drive home Wm B's oxen which he said we might keep a few days on trial-At Ware's on State Line halted-had apple pie,cheese & new cider for 12 1/2-Heard the dairies were selling from 6 3/4 to 7 1/2 cs. Some past noon when arrived at Adams-Called on my old friend W.E.Brayton Esqr., who was busy in the Bank-shewed him the letter from B-he pronounced the offer a good one-cheese was falling in N.Y. as understood so late as on Monday- His

sons had purchased one of the best dairies in Adams of a Mr.Arnold at 8 cs-but were afraid to carry it to N.Y.-were retailing it in that Village-at,I believe, 8 1/2 or 9- Smith & Mills said they should hold up at present- could not pay the prices they had been giving-Indeed he entertained the opinion that the best opportunity for selling had been missed-but still could not give it up that the article would run down-there was no combination of purchasers-nothing of that,could,in his view of the subject,happen until past the first of Jany- Many of the principal Dairymen along the E. road were hanging on for $8 1/4-but could effect no sales. I grew alarmed-conceiving I had assumed too much independence- wished

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I had closed at once with Brown- He was made acquainted with all the leading facts hereinbefore stated & seeing my nerves give way at what he had advanced-began to speak in a tone more encouraging- saying , if Dr.Hull wtood to his offer,I was on good ground-at the same time advising in favor of selling to B on account of keeping the Dairy in its old course-Let him know how little confidence I placed in <u>that</u> man- that had he himself been in N.Y. & made me a like offer it would have been accepted at once. Left with the impression that it would be best to forward to Brown an acceptance of his terms. Came great part of the way in the evening-encountered short shower of rain- air chilly. Mr.Wight got here before me from W's Coll.on foot-in tolerable health. Felt very uneasy-not knowing exactly what to do.

THURSDAY,OCT 8 Chilly-cldy-stiff unusually searching N.Wd. Merc.40°-58°-45°-Four casks cheese put up-No. cheeses 21. Mr.Wight, Hopkins & Warren Sibley picked up & brought home 23 bhls butternuts. We may in truth say it was a butternut year-so profusely were those nuts borne. Father stuck to his potatoes.

FRIDAY,OCT 9. Very chilly-frosty morning-cldy-some rainy-wind N.W. Merc.33°-50° at noon-R.Mather for B.R.Sears worked on cid-mill,vat & press &c- I transported bass wd boards for making cheese casks to D.Fuller's-halted by the way & getting 418 feet same material at H.Waters'-waited upon by Sam Judd Jun & Geo Robinson-making up my load,which in part was (brought was) brought from home-to ab't 550 feet- Called at F.Blackmer's conversed on the topic uppermost-feeling a little down upon it. Arrived in due time at F's- left suitable directions how to make casks which they said should be ready for us on Friday next- Gave them the paper on which was made out the number & size of the cheeses to be put up. At Mr.Dan'l Brackenridge's saw first rate corn & pumpkins near his house. In the Street met Matthew Huntington-All absorbed in speculation-Cheese <u>down</u> now at N.Y.

but still wanted to buy-but would not offer equal to what B & Dr.H had- $800 ready for me in the Bk- made one more call at F.B's-Frank said it would all come out right. At home found mother ill- Dr.H.Swift was had immediately & did well- Ice this mg-

SATURDAY,OCT 10. Cold frosty morng-again.cool & cldy-clds broken-Merc 32°-62°- past sunset past 44°- Cider mill raised-vat clamped together under direction of R.Mather who during 9th & 10th served us for his employer 1 1/2 days- Potatoes were dug-cheeses rubb'd by G.P. & self- Ladies very busy about house. Great day for gathering butternuts by neighbors up Street- Cap't Robinson (H) Dr.H.Swift-Charles F.Sears & R.Mather & others- C.B.Matthews gave us a call-driving one of Harmon's colts- Settled with & paid our respected friend John Harwood $2-twenty one cents over what was due,for which he gave credit. Mistake of Mar 31 1834 rectified.

Adeline M.Harwood arrived from Troy-had rec'd very friendly treatment from Mr.P.who paid her whole bill of expenses stage fare & all inclusive . Rec'd word from Capt.E.Waters to holdo on to the cheese-prospect that it would bring 10 cs pr lb bye & bye. Boys up street in the evening- Bro't letter from Wolcott & Gordon,N.Y. dated Oct 6-in reply to mine of the first- Could make no betteroffer than I had already had- It was their opinion that our dairy would be worth no more than 8 1/4 cs deliv'd there.They probably could sell it out for something more-but could not afford to do the business for nothing. If I should not sell it & concluded to send should be glad to accomodate me. Would do the business on as reasonable terms as any one else- Were selling cheese from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 cs- Had sold a little at 9- (Softly--Cheese not all bo't up yet)- Good reports must be suppressed) W & G under influence of C.B. Esqr. Postage both ways cost me 37 1/2 cs-cheerfully met,to <u>once find out</u> who is who.

SUNDAY,OCT 11. Rather mild in the morning-but very chilly afterwards-cldy wind N. Merc 46°-66°-44°- Became once more tolerably calm having dismissed much of my anxiety about selling dairy- Usual concerns attended to-Wrote some- Read Camilla in old Sepct.No 543 July 1712. Father & Adeline went to meeting-drawn thither in wagg by colt driven by,Hopk's who returned home with the same. not attending himself-clothes & shoes not right. G.P. wrote letter to his brother-in-law H.Palmer of Essex,N.Y. Hiram Waters & S.Billington called-the former was in favor of holding on to the cheese-M.L. Robinson also came down-was of the opposite opinion- could not resist taking so much money.

MONDAY OCT 12. Frosty morng.again-Fine fair day-cool in shade-Merc.26°-56°- All hands employed in gathg.wint.apps. At noon or a little past-sent Hopk's to P.Office-Returned with letter from Caleb Brown Esq'r-which goes on thus-

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Mr.H.Harwood

Dear Sir- Yours of the 6th Oct is before me and I have noticed all your contents-and have only to say that unless I hear from you next Tuesday respecting your dairy-I shall consider that I have no more to do about the purchasing it at present. I wish you would hold on to your cheese until spring; I am sure I can make nothing out of it at the price I offered- and as there is enough cheese,& that too crowding our docks & stores-I am not anxious for any more I would wish not to winter in N.Y. next Winter,but fear I shall be obliged to.

I,Sir,shall not consider myself in any way beholden to give you the price offered in my last letter,unless I am made acquainted with the fact that the cheese is mine by return mail- for I have already offered you as much as I would have to pay for cheese equal to yours-already casked & deliv'd in this City.

I am Respectfully yours-In haste

(Signed) Caleb Brown.

After reading it-prepared for a visit to Berlin. E.D.Waters came & bespoke 20 bhls Winter apples at 25 cs-money-just as I was ready to start & rode with me to F.Blackmer's- told him all the circumstances respecting the dairy &c- Halted at that store-Frank gone to N.Y.- Went to Sanf'd & B's-nobody there excepting J.S.Merrill who said 8 cs was a whaling price for cheese.

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So drove ahead & reached Dr. Hull's in Berlin by about 8 in the evening- Not a little disconcerted at finding the doct. not at home-gone to Troy on business-would in all probability return on the morrow. Rec'd kind & friendly reception from Miss H,sister of the doc't-cripple for life-woman of fine sense-assured me I might implicitly rely on what her brother had engaged to do. There came in a drunken fellow who seemed to threaten us with his company for the night, but was got rid of by the old Maid who managed the house work there,without difficulty. His name was Brimmer. Enlisted into the U.S.service at W.Point. Summer of ~~1812~~ 1817- Fought at Bridgewater &c- Miss Polly Hull had been thus lame for 6 years-not able to walk without staves or crutches. Her father Elder H. died about two years since-aged some over 80.

TUESDAY,OCT 13. Large frost-thick fog to a late hour in the morning-seemed as if it would end in rain-but came off pleas't & very warm-wd.S. Supposed it proper & necessary to wait for the return of the Dr. His nephew Julius was at table in the morning-went off somewhere on cheese business. Employed myself a part of the time

reading a few detached articles in Medical Authors-especially Swaim. Called on Dr. Henry Brown with whom conversed respecting his mother, brothers Charles &Lewis- the former teaching a large school on the Ballard plan at Denmark, Lewis C'o. So popular was his institution-scholars left other schools all round for the sake of belonging to his. Buildings & grounds had cost him no inconsiderable sum-which he would soon be able to pay off at the rate he was now going on. His mother & youngest sister were with him- Lewis was a powerful Universalist Preacher-located at Bridgewater-Oneida Co- Doing finely-a man of talents- married to an amiable young lady not many months since.

Have not space & time to devote farther to giving these cahracters a place here. Dr.B. was called away on business in his line-Returned to Dr.H's, feeling low spirited on account of delay-Grew tired of waiting-but concluded on staying over night-there seemed to be strong probability that the doct'r might reach home by that time. In the evening an odd Englishman who belonged to the Brit.Army-1814 - came there with the view of working next day at digging potatoes, but on seeing a young man that Julius had bro't home with him for the same purpose- his jealousy immediately was raised to a high pitch - raved & scolded or murmur'd bitterly declaring he would not stay if the other did &c- and in fact early next morning he waw off. They called him "Billy".

Wednesday, Oct 14. Chilly morning-came out fine day-Merc.40°- at home-Waited until late in the morning to see the doct. but it was of no use-no doct. arrived-therefore made some arrangement with young Julius who assured me that our dairy in his opinion could suffer no depreciation in market on account of changing hands. Informed me that Hull & B.had hired one end of the same store in which C.Brown was doing business-Should himself have the care of their concerns there. I cautioned him against the wiles & duplicity of that cunning old cheese speculator who drove a stiff team-would drive right over him if he happened to stand in his way- but the young fellow appeared to entertain no apprehension in regard to him-believed he should get along pretty independently &c - Being informed that Dr. Robinson-formerly of Petersburgh, now merchant of firm of Mallory & Robinson of Berlin Village-wished me to call on him-complied with his request accordingly- Found him in the store-talked about Bennington folks & affairs-that was his native place-first commenced practice under Dr. N. Swift-went to Petersburgh when pretty young-continued a successful practice there until a few years - then gave it up & retired to this Village where he had spent the last five years as I presume, in the mercantile line. This interview being ended-drove for home-Crossed river at Case's-took road leading up the N.bank- Beyond Whipple's Corners saw J.M.B Spencer-formerly shoemaker in this place. Came over hill by N.Eldred place, E.Carpenter place & Mr.Loomis'-

Got home by 2 or 3 P.M. Our people were warmly engaged at digg'g- potatoes-Warren Sibley in employment- Mrs Wrisley was gallanted,accomp'd by litt boy Sam'l,here,by Judge L.Norton with whom held some conversation-in the course of which he took occasion to inform me that it was in contemplation to bestow on me the all important app't of Justice of The Peace-at Montpl'r. Went to bed with bad cold-eyes in pain- Geo. sick.

THURSDAY,(NOV) OCT 15. Moderate-pliable,pleas't-fine-Merc. 43°-70°-68°-
Wint.apps & potatoes-the order of the day- Twenty bushels of the former delivered to E.D.Waters pr P. G.P. for which was rec'd $5-Sent 4 bhls fruit for sauce,to I.Doolittle as renumeration for use of scale beam heretofore- the same was borrowed again for the space of one month. Geo.returned in season to assist at the potatoes. Geo.Robinson & S Judd Jun'r procured apples for H.Waters-their employer. Hopk's had mare shod at Deac. Winslow's. Commenced writing letter to J.A.Wight this evening-or some pt of the day.

FRIDAY,OCT 16- Unusually warm & pleas't Merc. 44°-77°- perhaps 80°-67°- Geo. was sent off for casks at Fuller's. Hopkins got colt shod at Henry Norton's-and afterwards joined G. in loading casks-these were fine-most of them provided with 8 hoops which put me to the extra expense of 3 cs a piece. Tow'd bill Geo. pd $3. Casks were weighed in the evening. Potatoes finally all completly dug-say in toto-400 bhls- Forwarded letter to Wight in the morning-among otherparticulars stating sale of dairy-why & wherefore- Subscrib ed this evening for 1 copy Aunt Sarah Robinson's Family Records. Mrs Wrisley rec'd a letter from her father-the former had been sick-unable to pay for waggon which he bo't of S.H.Brown last Winter- half the pay coming to Elihu Wright-standing a very good chance to lose his part of the debt. An excellent letter. It was well understood at Berling that prices of cheese at N.Y. via latest advices were rather low-creating suspicion in my mind that H & B would rather be off about purchasing the dairy,could their honor be preserved in so doing. I found myself correct afterwards as to the first item, but the latter point they were determined to maintain.

SATURDAY'OCT 17. Contin'd remarkably fine-warm as summer-pretty fair- Merc 45°-74°- noon- 68°- at night. Casking cheese-the main avocation-making up in all 27 casks-145 cheeses- In most instances 5 to a cask-the smaller early ones being 7 to the cask made in Ap'l- and May previous to the 18th- Hopk's came from the Str-announced completion of hame harness by John Hicks' Esqr.

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Beans in the garden gathered &

corn husked-by grandfather. N.L.Robinson gathered for himself12 1/2 bhls apples-payable in goods at his grocery $1.75- Elihu Wright also had 5 bhls common Wint.fruit on long credit-at 1/o-the usual price when taken on the trees. Room hot in the evening-ladies ironing by a highly heated stove. Eveg. of the 16th.al hands viewed comet in the S.W. Very long tail-

SUNDAY,OCT 18- Very mild-very cldy-damp-wind S Merc. 62°-67°-66°- Made curd & half cheese,Read Spect. No's 501-2-3,N.Y.Spect. "Things in Engl'd &c- Father,Geo. Mrs Wrisley & Adeline go to church- Mr.Hooker discourses on Gov. of temper-Hopkins stays at home-much devoted to colt.

MONDAY,OCT 19. Remarkably warm-cldy-wind S. rain wanted & expected- Cows srying up-Merc. 65°-67°-68°-70,- Another cask cheese put up-whole number 28-containing 150 cheeses-latest down to Sept 1o- All carefully weighed with the Doolittle beam by G.P.Harwood- amunting to Lbs 10595. Casks marked by Miss Adeline in excellent style- copied from bills made out by me as fast as the casks were weighed off. Hopk's was sent to Fuller's to have another cask made-which being done he paid up their bill in full for their whole job-am'tg to $5.82-of which G. had previously paid $3. Evening G & Hopk's went up street-returning weighing hooks to F.Blackmer-Came home with new hame harness-plain-from J.Hicks- price $30- payable in half money-half beef- appeared well made & in good style. W.Bates paid us an evening visit-talked on politicks-must have oxen sent home- Another curd & half cheese made at this date.

TUESDAY,OCT 20. Continued unusually warm-Cldy Strong S.wind-Merc.60°-70,-71° 65°- S.H.Brown comes over in the morning-bepseaks cider press-begins sanding on apples for hands-Father & G.P make preparation for cider making-apples gathered &c- Bates' oxen driven home by Hopkins-accomp'd by W.Sibley who assisted some at picking up apples P.M. With Mrs H. rode to Deac. S.Hinsdill's P.M.- Called for Acct the past year up to pres't date which was made up at $33.58" exclusive of $17.42 for carpet which had been assumed by H Waters- Aug 29 or about those days- New goods had been rec'd & put up-bo't articles to am't of $1.11 cs-paid in full- Deac.unwell-took bad cold on boatd St.b't.going down River-On our way home called at S D Walbridge's paid 50cs being his demands in full- See Sept 28. Saw W,.Daniels going & coming-Paid Mrs Ira Haynes 50 cs for stocking yarn-No it should read only 25 cs-the otheris a mistake- Halted at Uncle Sam R's-himself & aunt Sarah not at home-afterward saw them engaged in appling in J.C.Andrews orchard-by permission of D.Clark & A.J.Haswell. NL Robinson informed me he had engaged teams for transportation of cheese at L.Patchin & Co's-balance due

on A/C-say $108- Mr.Abisha Kinsley, present-
passed some slight jokes-mentioned the article
rye of which he should probably be able to sell
probably from 75 to 100 bhls good quantity. Paid
C.S.Pool $1.25 for making leathern halter in new
style. At F.Blackmer's informed that the balance
due on book would probably am't to $72- Bo't
goods there & paid in full for the same $1.96.
Long evening spent mostly in writing-boys very
noisy-Warren Sibley stays over night. Ira B.Dewey
brings home gun-had at traing on 6th.

WED. OCT 21 Continued extremely warm for
the season, cldy-some smoky-
Wd.S. Merc.60°-72°-68°- Mare & colt put before
the old waggon-successfully used for transporta-
tion of apples from upper orch'd- Hopkins & War-
ren very active at picking up apples- I went to
Post Office-expecting letter from Dr.Hull-disap-
pointed-none came- I wrote him amount of cheese &
what it came to-requesting his order for its spee-
dy removal-particularly reminding him of my wish
that the pay should be in perfect readiness at the
momt. of delivery so as to give no hindrance to
the teamster entrusted with the business-For I
did not then mean to be there myself.. Evening-
read in Spect.of 12-good letter dated at Saratoga-
It was Lett.No. 14.

THURSDAY, OCT 22. Slight change in the weather-
small rain-wind N.W. clds soon
dispersed-fine clear day followed-Sun came out hot-
Merc. 58°-66°- noon- At ten A.N. it stood in open
sun at 84°- afternoon 70°- Evening 58°-.
Employment & hands the same-team likewise- Some
fretting about cheese-began to think seriously of
going to Berlin- But our minds were set at rest on
receiving letter from Dr.Hull confirming in full
the dairy contract. He wrote brief & polite-glad
to have the said dairy-In the evening made out
Bill of Cheese put up-in due form. Mind altogether
at rest. Geo . went to bed indisposed-had taken a
violent cold. Money on hand $60. Debts against us
computed at $931- Loaned say $50.

FRIDAY, OCT 23- Warm weather continued-cool
morng-Wd.S-Merc 48°-72°-66°-
Gathering fruit yet. Hands the same with the addi-
tion of Mrs Kent for all day- I.B.Dewey, P.M.
Same part of the day father went to Friday meeting.
Brown's hands commenced cider making. Nat.Brown
came up into the orch'd and solicited Geo to go &
regulate the mill while he took his place in shak-
ing trees & picking up apples. The Savage cow got
choked with an apple- Drove her home-gave a dose
of melted grease & soap & by sqeezing her pipes-
the apple was happily removed downward-so that she
immediately obtained relief. Elihu Wright & Nat'l
Brown generously assisted in operating on the poor
beast. She was first discovered by W.Sibley who
said she was making for home unaccompanied by any
other cow.

Was this day 47 years of age-had lived a married life 20 yrs & about 7 months-raised a daughter & son-the former 19-28 Sept-the latter 13 yrs old first of Ap'l last. Not over persevering in business-never very fortunate-nor on the other hand very unlucky. Perused in the evening a very interesting letter from Saratoga-In Spect.Oct 5-giving a historical sketch of Schenectady &c- In the same paper were prices curious on the Circus and theatre-or"Minor Theatres" in London- "Things in Engl'd"- Pretended Robbery &c in N.Y.- A large 2 curded cheese was put in press. Mrs E,Warren paid respects to our ladies-this P.M.

SATURDAY,OCT 24. Vastly more cool-Rained some in the morning-Remained cldy-until past noon-then cleared up pleasant-Merc.50°-57°-52°- late evening 41°- By about noon 2 lds apples were gathered,making up the whole to about 16 lds. Afternoon-shaved & rode with boys in 2 h wagg-up street- Let Jac Brooks have 7 1/2 lbs butter for same number rennets. At Riddle's seeing E.Fillmore Esqr-paid him $5. tow 'd debt. And there was present too our friend Elijah D.Hubbell who I forgot in due order to state came late in the morning to inform me thatbthe Public Road had been indicted from Pownal line to the Centre Meetinghouse, Bennington- requested me in the capacity of Surveyor of Highway to repair the same as far aw my jurisdiction extended. Promised to see to it. Our company at R's comprehended capt.Stebbins Walbridge & Capt A.Hyde. Speculation in beef cattle,butter & cheese formed the principal topic of conversation. High prices of the latter articles were in a great degree attributed to the rage now prevailing among farmers for keeping sheep. This was not confined to any particular Section,but extended all over-as much in the Black River Dist. as anywhere. Speculators from Rhode Island-in the butter deal,had been there & bought up the article with eagerness at 18 cs pr lb for whole dairies. Left here & passed over to the Dr.N.Swift's-much entertained in hearing him relate some particulars of his late tour to Boston via N.Y.,Providence on Rail Road to Boston-accomp'd by his lady-Also had the unpleasant task of transporting 116000 dollars in money-Speed on sd raod was computed at about 20 miles the hour. The doct. much out of health.-had bad bile on upper lip- Visited F.Blackmer's-B & Cap't Pliny Dewey highly rejoiced that C.B. was not going to have the Dairy. Boys brought from N.L.Robinson's cider hhd lent him Nov 15-1834-also 2 other casks of less capacity borrowed at B. R.Sears'- W.Sibley in our service again. Evening read long & much in N.Y.Spect of Oct 19.

SUNDAY,OCT 25. Cold-pleas't-frost-Merc.31°-48°- at noon-P.M. 51°- or 52°-49. Giving assistance at making cheese & writing Jour'l,when not asleep,formed my chief employ't-

even so in the evening-being 19 or 20 days in rear- Father,Geo. Mrs Wrisley &Adeline went to church. New Religious Society about to be organized in the E. pt Benningt'n- Hiram Waters paid short visit. Warren Sibley went home at noon. Wrote letter to J.C.Presho-complimenting him for gentleman like treatment of girl- Requested him to send me a line after satisfying himself of the fact to let me know on what terms lamp oil of best quality could be procured. To state respecting Mallory & Hunter- who & how &c- Wrote about how we were proceeding in the dairying concern- Compliments to Capt.Waters & others.

MONDAY,OCT 26. Chilly morning-cldy all day-
Merc.36°--48°- at night. Cider casks were put into requisition. Old "Bill Norton hhd" failed at one end-so it was sawed asunder & the sound end appropriated to being set under the press to catch cider as it runs from the apple cheese Rode in one horse wagg-to Barton's in Shaftsbury. Fell in company with an elderly gentleman who belonged to Rutland-Vt-on his way home after visiting his son at the Furnace in the employment of the Company as teamster. Told me his name was Johnson, born in Westmoreland,N.H.-now 69 years of age. Came into Vermont to reside when young-married something over 40 years since. At that time entered accidentally into a little butter & cheese speculation by which he cleared over all expense $100-sold butter for 25cs in Providence,R.I.-Was fond of horses-speculated some in them-always kept good ones-made now & then a successful bargain-understood the farrier's business-had effected some important cures,but did not pretend to practice a great deal-tho' he was as regularly bred to the profession as practitioners in general- Could repeat passages of Scripture very readily-professed to be & to live a Christian disapproving of all fraudulent actions in matters of deal- Acquainted with relatives in Pittsford-to whom I sent compliments.&c. At Barton's rec'd 23 well dressed calf skins-which at 37 1/2 cs came to $8.62"-payable in hides. The old gentleman related the circumstances of a very shaving trade which a grandson of his made not long since by exchanging an old mare worth not over $5-for a fine pair of steers worth at least 40. The man with whom he traded,belonging to some place E.of the G. mountains, soon became sensible of his mistake-followed & overtook the young fellow-wanted dreadfully to be let up-but there was no give way there-It was night-the man mentioned having some business at a little distance off made our sharper suspect that a magistrate might have a voice in the fafair-so he pushed for home at an early hour-leaving his cheated frd to get satisfaction if he could. This young man was about 17 yrs of age-son of one of the Coles-conduct highly disapproved by his grandfather. But not so with Joshua Monro,Esqr-He upheld him in it fully.

Dined at Hiram Barton's Esqr. Family tolerably numerous. Came home by new road by way of N.Bennington. A Mr.Whiton,brother of John W. rode with me to that Village where halted-he did some business at one of the factories while I went to Welling's grist mill-saw the miller- Asahel Harwood-to whom paid $4.25 cs for work done in haying as may be seen by turning to certain dates in July last. Mr.W. resumed his ride as far as Hinddillville- Had seen much affliction in his family in the course of the last 4 years-having buried 3 of his children one of whom,his eldest son,was 23 or 24 yrs of age,if I am correct. The old gentleman appeared to understand much respecting the Harmon Dairy-saying that some apprehended that Huntington would fail of being up to his contract. In fact, in a few days afterwards-was told that the speculator-being held to his contract by writing-found a loup hole through which he slipped about 4000 lbs such part of their cheese as he chose not to take. So much for trading with a kind of irresponsible, unfair dealer. Caleb Brown,as great a sharper as he is-would not have done it. At Easty's they were blasting rocks. Called on B.W.Jackson-exhibited skins-offered $20 for the lot- $10-work & store pay $10 money first Jan. Didn't think I could get a better bargain. Chose,however,to hold on longer. Visited Deac. H's store-Norman Edgerton & the other clerks present & full of business-very full store-goods going to be sold as low as at ny other store/ all kinds of produce rec'd in payment- Uncle Stebb. Walbridge & Dan'l Rogers present- also J.N.Hinsdill Meeting house going forward finely-Everything moving like clock work-Exchanged $5.bill for lesser ones with D.Rogers. Partially agreed to sell beef, hide & tallow all inclusive-at $4 pr cwt to the Deac. Left Hinsdillville for town St.-where calling at the Post Office-rec'd letter from Caleb Brown Esq'r-Dated N.Y. Oct 23,1835. Renewing his offer-signifying his sincere wish to purchase the dairy-no threatening-all plausibility-cheese going well-commanding good market-plenty of everything-no lack even of money. Desired to be informed whetherhe could have the dairy. He was too late-it was sold-But I though best not to write him until after the business should be finally closed with H & B. Shewed the foregoing to F.Blk&r. who felt not a little pleased at seeing the man's fruitless anxiety- when,had he taken the proper open above board course,he might have secured it to himself without an effort. Came directly home-all hands pleased with that letter. In the eveg-wife & self walked to the dwelling of H.Warren. Whose mother,mother-in-law,lady,brother-in-law & wife were present or within call- Agreed with Henry to wodk for us a few days at 50 cs.

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S.H.Brown's people were warm at making cider- A.J.Haswell

was constantly bringing on apples from the Andrews orch'd fro making cider. Darius Clark shared with him the produce of that place. Paid Mrs Haynes 50 cs for stpckg. yarn. Endeavored to see S.W Daniels.- but he was from home-in employ't of W.Haswell.

TUESDAY, OCT 27. The chill of the morning once done away with-mildness & pleasantness follow'd-all remainder of the day. Merc. 35°-59°-53°-. Up at an unusual hour-wishing to write--but disturbed by a rap at the door- In came a stranger & his wife-In substance-they stated- that wishing to go to Reynolds Carpenter's-Pownal-started from the Niles neighborhood, Shaftsbury at an hour much earlier than they were aware of-and on arriving at the mouth of our lane-turn'd into it- supposing it the mountain road leading to C's- but getting up to our house-found out their mistake.-& in attempting to wheel around-the horse became somewhat unmanagable & broke out the thills-smack up to the axle or whatever you choose to call it. Well this man was in trouble-said his name was John Stone, lived in Shaftsbury in one of the Niles's houses- wanted to borrow our waggon to perform the remainder of his route- Done of course. He came back so late in the day that there was not to repair damages- requested ours to go home in, but on being told it would be wanted in the evening said he would proceed no farther with it than to Mr.Chandler's which I found afterwards was wo. In short the brief acqauintance formed with this man left a very unfavorable impression on my mind toward him- Summed him up-Intemperate & shiftless. Making cider was commenced-Henry Warren in our service- Casks made ready & fumigated with brimstone. Notice given to S.Loomis that the cheese now in casks would be conveyed to Troy on Friday- L expected home in the evening- Man & boy gathering apples. Uncle Sam'l & aunt Robinson were here employed in getting fruit- Sold to Horace Edgerton's boys 5 bbls sweet apples & rec'd pay in full-5/c. Had it strobgly in contemplation to go down to Hinsdill's at night, but gave it up for want of waggon. A.J.Haswell continued bringing apples from the Andrews place-many years since owned by Sherman Fairchild- tailor by occupation, who lost his character, health &(propperity) property by card playing & drinking. Now about to be sold to a Mr.Jones-shoemaker for $800 as was reported. Looked over & corrected cheeseb bill. Perused Spect.of N.Y. of Oct 19.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28 Warm, hazy-most remarkably smoky early in the evening with soft southern breeze almost like summer. Merc. 47°-66°- Early attended to writing which was now all of a month in rear. Made out a letter to Dr. Hull in full respecting the dairy-what had been our usual practice in putting up, weighing &c-informed him of B's letter of the 23d. Business went on

lively in the way of making & storing cid'r- The latter being managed by father in person- Henry Warren again on the carpet-Sibley boy also. Past noon-say by 2 o'clock,Julius Hull & a young man in the employment of Mr.Boon drove up in a light 2 horse waggon to let us know that their principals,as the present prospect was,would not be able to pay for the cheese on the day of delivery. the situation of the banks being such,& Mr.B not yet returned from N.Y. that the money could not well be raised-my demand to be considered on interest from the date of delivery. Consented to all very contentedly-feeling no alarm whatever until aftertheir departure- when we began talking about it-raising one scare crow after another-until I resolved forthwith to drive at least to col.Reynolds(where those young men said they were going to put up a small dairy-to let them know if possible that the money must be paid according contract- or we must have firm security for future payment- It was dark when I started,but good starlight withal. Drove along leisurely meeting only with a trifling mishap in turning out for a two horse team in doing which my old beast backed up a steep bank and nearly upset me- Crosses Hoo'k R. at Case's perfectly safe-arriving in the Kitchen Village-took in a passenger who said he resided on the premises of Col. Reynolds-about 1 mile distant-as we came up to the entrance of the little contracted lane leading from the highway to his house,the ground falling off quite abruptly-was deceived as to that ommitting to turn off quite in season & my companion being heavy- as I reined for the lane,got dished at once- getting my feet & legs entangled in the thills,head dragging on the ground in a manner extremely dangerous,not easily described. Was not suffered by my friend,who had safely leaped from the waggon,to remain long in so perilous a situation. He stopped the mare which had behaved remarkably cool or I must have been ruined.- got me on my feet-found that no serious injury had been sustained-Accompan'p him from the gate on foot to the house where a light was procured,learning also that those young men beforementioned,were not there, returned with me to the horse & waggon-assisted in adjusting my things-for which I hope I was thankful-all this flurry being properly settled resumed the reins & drove for Berlin where arrived at about 2 o'clock in the morning of

THURSDAY,OCT 29. The first thing was to unharness & stable the mare- then entering the house with out knocking-and necessarily making some noise-awakened & caused the doctor to hail me most vehemently-suspecting at once that a thief had entered his dwelling- He,however,softened his tone on being told who I was-got up-rummaged the pantry and gave me a cold cut. Made him acquainted with the cause of my nocturnal visit- proposing to him if the circumstances of the Firm were such as to disable it to meet the contract promptly-that I would let Brown have the dairy.

As would be natural he zealously objected to that-for in every point of view it would most surely operate to the disadvantage of the Firm. He said since it had got abroad that they had bo't it-and now to give it up-would go far to depreciate their credit- would certainly work more mischief to their business than to purchase & to make nothing on it afterwards-proposed every method he could devise to make me easy,in case they should fail in getting money to meet it on delivery--talked fairly & honorably-read a paragraph in a late Troy paper giving some account of Barton the famous Cashier of the Albany Commercial Bank who of late had made so much noise in the world by taking off with him the snug sum of 130,000 dollars. It was now pretty well understood that he had gone to the island of Cuba. After a tarry of about 1 hour & getting a promise from our doctor that every exertion possible should be made to have the money in readiness & if not that I might hold on to the cheese after delivery- or that they would give good security-left for home. Crossed the river at Case's by about sunrise-came up the road N. side of the stream-saw near Whipple's Corners J.M.B.Spencer-invited him to call on us when ever he should have business this way- Came over the hill this side the R.Carpenter's-rough road-of course came past Loomis'

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got home by about 10 A.M. Found cider making in successful smooth operation H.Warren here- Took late breakfast slept an hour or two-In the afternoon rode with Hopkins in 2 h. waggon up street & bo't of L.Patchin & Co a very handsome rum hhd for $2.50-booked- Returned in season to assist in loading cheese-Messrs Rudds,Armstrong,Ben.Sears teamster, & young Fenton being in the employment of cousin N.L.Robinson rec'd loading amounting to lbs 8354. Nathan himself came down to see to it. Made up my mind to go to Troy in person next day. Mr.Loomis came about midnight& took his 6 casks,2275.

This 29th Oct was very warm-fine & fair-Merc. 48°-76°- perhaps 80°-72°- sunset. The wind blew fresh from S. my minutes,I see, have it that the sky was some hazy-

FRIDAY,OCT 30. Remarkably warm-thick clds rising before a light pressure S.wind-letting fall not unfrequently a hurried shower- Being from home & the folks not noticing the thermometer in my absence-no record of it can be entered of course- Was pretty early on the wing for Troy- For the sake of doing as I thought best went by way of Case's & the "Kitchen"-Encountered a heavy shower-or say not a very light one between that Village & Shingle Hollow. Made no halt at any public house-This side Pittstown meeting house if I mistake not,or at some little distance beyond it picked up a passenger-active good looking young man-bound to & residing in Troy-on his return from a

visit among friends E.side of the G.Mountains. Said he was acquainted with many of the inhabitants of Putney,Vt.- among others col. Hyde,a gentleman I had former heard my uncle C.Harwood speak of frequently-Told me his father worked at masonry in Troy- It is that kind of masonry that has neither "Free" nor " Anti" attached to it-its votaries have never been known to have formed secret societies- no Morgan Abductions & Murders to atone for-nothing more to answer for than now & then a moderate tippling in some individual members,that's all- The lad was pretty sociable-paid gate fees & on setting him down in the City-rec'd i/o Yk & a compliment. Forgot to take his name-Said he got his living by teaming- During the summerpast was one of the two persons employed in watering Riv.St. Drove to Stearn's & had my beast stabled-not quite 1 o'clock P.M. Marched for Presho's quarters-found him at No- rec'd me in very friendly style. After sitting & conversing some little time-introduced me to a limmer seated in an adjoining apartment the sides of which were hung with numerous elegant portraits, lately executed-among the rest-that of himself-comparing well & true with the original- Saw him engaged with a miniature-name,if mentioned,not recollected. The likeness of his lady was also there-not by any means beautiful,but appeared well. He could personally boast of little more of beauty than the humble shover of this iron quill. The notion of beauty he argued ought not to influence a person in this matter- it was for nobler ends that we should choose to hand down to posterity such specimens of art. Soon left for the lower end of the town-Presho in company- (Rained profusely) At Mallory & Hunter's dairy teams soon arrived- that of L's had unloaded & gone to bait or was off somewhere- 21 casks came on- On enquiry,no money was provided here for payment-but Mr.Boon left word with his friend Mallory- that he should go this day to Bennington and pay over- which with the good recommend given of Hull & Boon satisfied me entirely-all going on well. After seeing the cheese safely in store,two loads excepted,not arrived,but momently expected-left for other concerns. Assisted Mr.Loomis in procuring 1 bbl flour & some iron I had previously engaged him to transport (for-me). He had been at some pains to hunt me up but he was soon rigged out after once catching me. For the various articles purchased at this time an acct of money paid out look at Cash Book of this date. The am't including $15.97 old debts paid Arnolds came almost up to $60. Did not discover until this morning that one little misfortune occurred on the eveningo of the 28th-comparatively hardly worth naming, when it is considered how narrowly I escaped death,or something worse. The staff of an umbreàla was broken. Let me,now my hand is in, say that that young man who was with me on that occasion said his name was Reynolds-presume a relative of the Col. I take pleasurein thus recording it- The morning after,for it was then about 10 in the evening,mentioning the affair to Dr.H.

he broke out at once upon the niggardly policy of the Col. who he said, notwithstanding his being possessed of property-valued at $100,000-suffered the entrace of his lane, for fear of lessening his acres, to remain so inconveniently narrow-much to the hazard & peril of all who had business that way. This digression is here introduced to show why, together with the necissity of perambulating the drenched streets of Troy I purchased a good 30 inch umbrella. Cov'd with cotton-ribbed with whalebone-price $ 2.50 of John Wilson manufacturer of the same-Spoke foreign dialect-took him to be a fair dealer-having but one invariable price to his articles-Didn't omit calling at W.S. Parker and Son's-looked at but bo't no books-Paid visit to Rail Road Bridge-a grand piece of architecture of the kind-connecting the City of Troy with the opposite Island. In returning from the western extremity of it-counted the upright posts supporting the centre of the roof & made them out to be in number 187- Mentioning it next morning to the superintendent of sd bridge-he pronounced me correct- Whole length including draw about 1700 feet-beyond that-say 1500 ft. Visited store of O & A Arnold-with their nephew James A. settled old acct without paying interest-as stated above-and also for 6 bhls coarse salt pr Loomis $3-whole am't being $18.97". Spent the evening most agreeably at Capt. E. Waters'- conversing cheerfully with the Capt, his lady & those of his family at home. Friend Pr'o after chasing about the city some time in pursuit of me came there & united with us in the pleasures of the evening-saying many very queer and jovial things while present. They had me play the flute too-but that amounted but little-only revived our recollection of by gone days. Our friends shall be credited for an excellent supper & elegant lodging

SATURDAY, OCT 31st. During the past night the weather had materially changed-growing cool rapidly- Cldy from N.W.- Wd very lively from that quarter-Everybody was glad to see it-for the late warm weather, altho perhaps very beneficial to farmers, was doing much mischief to everything of the provision kind-such as butter, cheese, beef &c in Cities-Accompanied our Capt. over to the Market-not on so extensive & imposing a scale as Washington & Fulton in Gr't N.Yk. Saw F.W. Coffin a few moments. Self & family in health-Told him next time he saw his brother Charles of White Creek to inform him that the money due for stove was ready for him at call-tho't it most likely should see him soon, as he often came to the City. Visited the docks to see what was doing there, previous to attending to personal concerns with the clerks and merchants, because they were not up- Saw a cargo of cedar posts for Rail Road foundation-brought the shores of Lake Ontario-U. Canada. Soon returned to Riv Street & among

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usual with dealers to adulterate their oil,but they should not go into that -if any one wanted their oil mixed-tell them in what proportion & it should be done. Friend Presho went with me to that store. He also procured me my blank book ready to my hand-price $2.50 paid. Presented Adeline with a very elegant Album,which was carefully put up with the other. Bo't 1/2 quint'l good codfish of Arnolds for which paid $1.62 1/2. Purchased all the small articles wanted,which may be found entered on cash book of this date & then with Capt.Waters crossed the river on the bridge to see the management of the Locomotive. Many hands were variously employed in getting everything ready for a start, while this was doing,examined the excellent finish of the (trans) pleasure cars which for elegance of execution & style could not be outdone in this country. Indeed there were some first rate paintings-hunting scenes &c that were to be seen on the outside of those cars that were most delicately and beautifully displayed. We walked about the island a little-viewed the bold bank of the lower arm of Mohock-tracks of R.Road &c -The ground here had within a few years been covered with pines-there were now only the stumps of those trees and low shrub oaks. Owned by G.Tibbetts Esq'r- & that part contiguous to & in the vicinity of the Bridge-was regularly laid out into streets Building lots & squares for a City & but for the death of the late Elisha Tibbetts one of the proprietors-Buildings would have been going up now. Everything ready,parted from my friend & took passage in the forward car for Waterford. Enjoyed the ride very well except that there was more rumbling and rattling than was exactly to my taste. The Locomotive was said to be a very powerful fine one-built in Philadelphia. Soon arrived in the Village-aforesaid where I alighted,having,soon after being seated,p'd 1/o Yk fare. Crossed the Hudson on the noble old Waterford Bridge-getting into Lansingburgh enquired for Stage to Troy-but there being none-kept along on foot. Little less than half way rode with a middle aged Dutchman who drove a pair of stylish ~~lithish~~- lightish lively horses before a light waggon-quickly reaching the Trojan City- He said he resided in Brunswick--vicinity of the brick church-Coonrad by name. Great admirer of the Western Country-especially that part N.of the Ridge Road to which he meant to emigrate provided he could sell his place which consisted of about 75 acres-buildings &c as usual. The names of towns he had in view he gave me,but have forgotten them-Sat me down in Riv.St, Troy-free of expence. Besides buying for $2 a soapstone furnace of large size & otherarticles of less cost-made a short call on the lady of cous.Sam Robinson J'r.All well- Saw cousin Octavius Harwood working at his trade-setting up a partition or something of the kind for Samuel. Dined at Capt.Waters'-Perused the very good letters,the one of recent date from her hon'd father,the other dated at Trenton,NY sometime in Feb.last from the widow of her youngest brother Harvey Taylor,announcing the tidings of her

husband'sdecease which took place in Oct 1834 in consequence of taking the Small Pox the natural way-Sleeping in a bed in some house in Utica gave him the fatal distemper & afterwards gave it to about the whole of his family- Was a good deal cut down in reading her simple,yet very forcible account of their & her sufferings- I pronounced it excellent- But see,Mr.Harwood, it is discovered on looking over your little R.R'd excursion that you have been guilty of an important omission-As it now stands-the inference would naturally be that I was the only passenger in the Car-Not so-company enough-very respectable in appearance- There was conversation but not directed at me,nor did it last long-for there was too much racket to allow of it. There were other cars in the train-how many didn't count-Left Troy past 1 P.M.-nearly dark when at the Wadsworth House- Reached home past ten at night-a part of the family up- Soon was informed that neither Boon nor money had appeared- That through the management of cousin N.L.Robinson,one load of cheese had not started-had been exposed to the weather. Grew some uneasy-was previously well satisfied & calm-but now became not a little disturbed in my mind. Two beeves had been butchered,dressed, & disposed of in my absence. To know the weight & other particulars-See Day Book of this date. Names of the cows-"Buck" & "Sisson"

SUNDAY,NOV.1. In the main pleasant- Merc.-late mg 28°- Noon 64°- night 58°-Shade 28°- Arose at 4 in the morning-got George up wrote line to Mallory & Hunter that Mr.B had not bro' nor sent on the money-Therefore as H & B were strangers to me,they must hold on to the dairy until paid for in full-with which he went forthwith to N.L.Robinson- giving him verbal order from me to have the aforesaid line & the cheese (4 casks) forwarded without loss of time. Busy good part of the day in making out statement of expenditures during this visit to Troy. Total am't nearly $60-of which 79 cs were personal-or in other words such as usual in travelling. My father,George & Miss Adeline went to meeting. There was an Episcopalian meeting holden at the old Cong.Church-about 1/2 past 12 P.M. About 4 P.M. arrived Mr.Boon from Berlin,N.Y. in pleasant mood & in high spirits-Paid over full amount of bill of the first part of the dairy according to contract $888.08. Gave him receipt for the same. He conversed in a lively,familiar,friendly strain-requested to have us hold on to our dairy the ensuing year long enough for them to see & do respecting it- promised I would. Perhaps he did not say those words,but at any rate something was said like it. He went away in great haste-apparently highly pleased with his bargain. Cheese was doing well in the market-meant to realize out of ours $100 profit. Said he saw Caleb Brown only a day or two before leaving N.Y.and was told by him that he was going to have our dairy-having recently rec'd a letter from me to that effect !

This evening Hiram Waters came down accompanied by one of his journey men-stranger to us-and transacted business that he could not so conveniently attend to at any other time- Loaned him $400 for which rec'd his note due one day from date- My lady & Mrs Wrisley made a call at Mr. Gibson's- found Mr.G. quite ill-

I read of a singular case of madness in N.Y. City in a young man of good appearance bro't before the Police- Can't stay to give particulars- was confined.

MONDAY,NOV 2. Freezing morng-mild afterwards. Wd.S. Merc. 28°- 45°-nt. Two bbls cider were sent to J.Norton's distillery-or perhaps more properly- 2 casks containing 67 gallons cider. From the distillery Geo. & Hopkins drove to E.Village on business. After separating from them went south to examine the road-to see

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where repairs were most wanted- Saw several spots that a little labor would materially improve. Will consider the road without reference to the little stops made while viewing it. The state of it,in my district was as fair as usual at this season of the year- there existed no sufficient cause for entering complaint to the proper authorities in my humble opinion. Now for the visits-The first was pretty long at Mr.Jewett's- Levi-off surveying for that mean Park otherwise-"Luther Park". As would be natural,much was said about our dairy bargains-A full report was r3ndered of mine as herein stated- Caleb's letter of Oct 23 inclusive. Friend Eunice gave an account of the reception she met with when she went to negotiate their contract with him. It was at his store in Williamstown. He affected not to recognize her countenance & otherwise treated her with so much indifference & studied neglect that she declared that she would never call on him again on like business. Another short call was made at Jonas F. Billing's barn where Esquire Bates was threshing oats for Jonas who he said was now trying to sell his place. Jesse Loomis Jun. had made an offer for it,but he did not accept of it. Elisha Searls halted there too. Next call was at our cousin Sophia's. She was a good deal interested on being informed how much we had obtained for cheese the present year. but as we talked on a while & allusion was unavoidably made to her affairs of late-the tears could not be suppressed-but I changed the subject as well as I could. She appeared firmly resolved to have no intercourse by the common practice of visits with her friends & neighbors. Held the farm & buildings clear of all incumbrances-Meant to stick to the old place until carried away. Came home by Loomis', saw them preparing cider casks to be filled with cider. In the evening accompanied by Geo.& Hopkins

rode up to pay out money to a number of creditors-First to John Hicks Esq'r towards harness,including saddle & bridle $30-Sec'd to L.Patchin & Co $ 110.80-store acct in full. Third,to F.Blackmer in full $71.90-the full amount of goods bo't at these two stores within about 1 year,was not much short,or even might have exceeded $200. It was only balances now due that were paid. At Patchin & C'o saw capt.Henry Robinson & F.Kelly- the latter said that Huntington when he put up the Harmon dairy-selected such cheeses as were most liking(to his) refusing to take the remainder,about 4000 lbs,which by a kind of forced construction of the written agreement under which it was sold,he considered himself at liberty to do. At Frank's as usual saw Capt. P.Dewey,V.D.Spiegle &c. To G.P.Harwood was also paid interest on note for $366- eight months up to the first ins't $14.64- Came home without going to the Concert,under the management of Mr. Singing Master Clark. The hands of S.H.Brown reported 14 bbls cider made at the cider mill of B.Harwood-making him Dr. $1.40".

TUESDAY,NOV 3. Very handsome-really mild-Mere ab't 50°- 78°-open sun-57°-sunset. Making & running cider into casks placed in cellar-made up the chief employ't. Geo. & Hopk's were up street in the eveg.to procure casks-failed. Bo't goods at F.Blackmer's am'tg to 66 1/2 cs paid. Sent off letter to W.E.Brayton Esq'r this morning detailing the main outlines of the dairy contract as may be learned by turning back a few pages. Went to see neighbor S.Loomis respecting road-could not attend to it under a fortnight-In his opinion it would do as well then as now.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 4. Curiously mild & fine-Merc.in the morning 47°-open sun 84°-night 56°- No material change in business-Drove 2 h. waggon to E.Village-Bo't of John Sharp 27 1/2 lbs salt pork at 11 cs-making bill $3.02"-pd,also, as also fassat of wood o/9-pd- 1 wood bound musty cider hhd which was new in 1833-taken on short cr at $2.00- Saw C.B.Matthews who said it was reported that I had had much trouble getting pay for cheese. Briefly contradicted the report-telling in few words the exact state of the business. Coming home halted at Sanford & Brown's to settle accounts-suffering Hopkins to drive home by himself.Balance due the old Firm $11.03"- Do-toG.R.Sanford & Co.$2.23-paid & rec'ted. Bo't fass't of block tin paid for the same 34 cs-left it to be fixed into the large oil can-made at their shop 1834- Borrowed a Vermonter in which there was great news from Pennsylvania-Whigs-Victorious-Two casks cider-say about 70 gs sent to the distillery of J.Norton- Total say 137 G's- Very important business among the ladies manufacturing apple sauce for future use. Had no in store about 40 bbls cider-almost exclusively in hhds-limed & fumigated with sulpher. Monday morning found me lined with $491.21 cs-in fair money.

THURSDAY,NOV 5. Dark cldy morning after a slight rain-Merc.50°-60°-58°- More than usually mild for the season-rained slightly a part of the time. Fruit in the upper orch'd saved for Mrs Kent. 3 bbls apples put up to send to Troy. 2 to E.Waters 1 to J.C.Presho Esqr. Sent last of our cider to the distillery 2 casks-in all 4-making a total of ab't 138 Gs. A.J.Haswell commences making cider assisted by his friend Morgan. Husking corn gave us employment P.M. Ladies through with stewing sauce. Lyd'a & A.M. go to H.Waters.

FRIDAY,NOV 6. Rather cold-dark cldy morning-continu'd so all day-rained at night- Merc.35°-46°-42°- Plowing (potatoe)corn grd. centre S.mead. Husking corn. Cheese room warmed by soapstone furnace. A.J.Haswell making cider.Uncle Sam'l & aunt Sarah very intently engaged in appling. Aunt S.stays all night with us. Utica Mob-not serious. Hopkins failing in horse gov't- I took the plow & Geo. the reins. Adeline came home with her friend Harr't Albro-evening.

SATURDAY,NOV 7. Chilly,cldy from S.E.- N.E. storm seemed to be rising. Rained some during the night past. Merc.42°-48°-46°- Corn husked. Cheese turned. Self & lady started for Hinsdill's- Convey H't Albro to H.Waters'-there get about 100 feet basswood boards which are carried to Fuller's & together with precise directions left to be manufactures into cheese casks. Proceeded by way of Squire Henry's to Hinsdill's- where bo't & paid for goods amounting to $4.09- See Cash book-same date. Store dreadfully crammed with dry goods, besides a very full supply of groceries. Exhibited a number of kinds molasses-from 37 1/2 to 44 cs.pr Gs Paid Benj. W.Jackson $1.50 in full for making Hopkin's boots-Came home ab't dark-bringing aunt Lydia from Hiram Waters'- A J Haswell makes cider. Uncle Samuel & Aunt Sarah-having others to assist,including Black Joel,gather apples. A.J.H continues his business after dark. trouble with globe lant'r.

SUNDAY,NOV 8. Mild-rather plea's,cldy- Merc. 45°-60°-52°- Father ,G.P. & Adeline go to meeting- no singing- Mr.Hooker dwells long & late on Temperance. Young lady's funeral attended in E.Village. Lost her life by clothes taking fire after retiring to rest for the night surviving only a few days. Reading paper,weighing & measuring oil which

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after finding a depreciation of half a G. or so,put up in the big tin can ,& writing to J.C.Presho,left me no time for journalizing. J.C.Presho with his friend Corbiere drove up in gay chaise drawn by fine horse-from Troy on the 7th now from E.Village in fine health & spirits- The latter gentleman was soon on the wing for the S. part of the town-Saw no more of him this day.

The former lively & sociable as usual. Paid Warren Sibley $1.50 for six days work. To do this had to borrow $1 of Mrs.W- 25 cs of Mrs Har'w & the like am't of Geo.P.

MONDAY,NOV 9. Cldy-mild-Wd-blows up from the N. at night-Merc.48°-64°-60°- Bro't to conclusion husking corn. Of that article had say 20 bbls sound-Say 40 do potatoes- good many oats for the space of ground on which they grew. Stored 40 bbls cider-or not far from that,besides nearly 4 1/2 carried to Norton's distillery. J.C. Presho rode away with Corbiere after breakfast-returned to supper-Paid $5 on note-which stands endorsed & late P.M. took leave for Troy. C. going to Natchez to be clerk to a commercial house at a good salary. Uncle Sam & aunt Sarah-again fully employed on apples- B.R.Sears' man & team in Co. A.J.Haswell closes his cider concern after making about 23 bbls including some that he watered. Devoted good part of the evening to reading the late speech of the Hon.Dan'l Webster on the presentation of a curious vase to him by the Citizens of Boston. It was good,but did not rise above party prejudice in my opinion. It went over some very delicate ground where men will forever differ in their views,almost diametrically. Wrote late-entering-18T to 20th Oct inclusive. Mr.Gibson was considered to be very ill. D.Perry came to see about purchasing a farrow cow for his employed-N.Norton.

TUESDAY,NOV 10. Comparatively cold,clear- Wind N- Merc. 34°-42°-noon 50°- at 4 P.M.-42°-at sunset. Geo. & Hopkins commenced plowing potatoe ground-S.part S.Mead between the upper brook & board fence erected Spring of 1834. They went tand'm awhile-but it inconvenient-abandoned it for the old way. I went about the cow pasture to inspect fences- Saw Newt'n Bates gathering apples in the old Riley place orch'd. Father visited Mr.Gibson this morning-spirits good- presumed him better- After his return assisted him in setting new gate post to the gate commanding entrance of lane leading W. Cows baited this morning in upper orch'd-not suffered to remain long for fear of a surfeit. Made up a littlw acct for Mrs Wrisley between E.H.Brown & herself-her daughter Martha having worked for his lady about 30 wks during the past season at 50 cs. Credits came to from 7 to 9 dollars. Wrote Jour'l in the evening. Uncle Sam. not on tho' there awaited him the vatfull of pomace. Norm'n Norton's man drew 2 lds wood past here P.M.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 11. Rained rather severely early in the day from S.E. continue d at intervals until about 4 P.M.-held up-grew cold-wind N.W. Merc.42°-59°-42°- at sunset. Nothing of special importance going on-Cows baited in the orch'd of course. Some concerns at the barn were seen to. Last of the rye crop thrashed-in all 7 bushels- should have been noticed on the 9th- Got all things

ready for a shave-but let it pass-not readily finding razor. Looked up acc't with H & N Swift & with B.R.Sears- Credits of the last amounting to about $40.00. Read some good pieces in the Old Spectator. Busy in the evening writing. No uncle S. to look after cider this day. The rain of this day was but light-We should have liked more ,if it could have been spared.

THURSDAY,NOV 12. Near approach of winter was announced by dread roar of boreas & scowling cldy which held on most of the day-some snow flying to end the matter-mountains growing white-No frost on the grd this morning-and there had been an unusual time of mild favorable weather for the last 6 weeks-not often seen in this country-Roads fine-travelling pleas't-stages full to overflowing. Merc. 36°-42°-36°-30°-. Started for N.W. part of the town in two horse wagg-waited upon Adeline to F.Blackmer's where she bo't for her 1 1/2 yds cambric-ready pay 37 1/2 cs- Hon.Capt.Hall was there-conversed some with him on conveyances from this to Washington City &c- Drove to Walbridge's mill-~~left-small-grist-corn~~ 7 bhls rye to grind thence to Fuller's-taking in 6 cheese casks paid in full for making the same $1.60 cs. Full am't of bill for the pres't year-27 casks-$7.50. All settled. Returned to the store of Deac.S.Hinsdill- Bo't 1 lb Imperial tea at 80 cs-1 paper tobacco-10 cs-and 2 lbs saleratus-at 10 cs- paid in full $1.10 cs. I take this account from an entry in Day Book-it was only the tea & tobacco purchased under this date-the succeeding article had on the 14th. Came up to the grist mill & made settlement with Mr.Brainard-who according to his setting down had ground since March 24 past-123 bushels rye,corn & oats-My reckoning made it 130- Paid him $1 which he said should satisfy him-as he believed himself correct. I told him would willingly pay the balance 28 cs if he should exact it- Settlement included this day's grinding. Came up to S.Patchin & C'os- Red'd $ 3.17 cs paid by D.Love for Ap'l cheese which he bo't some day last summer. Bo't 1 lb H.S.tea-3/o of which went on acct of the joiner Winslow who had rec'd apples of us to that amount-paid balance in money 17-tea being 4/o- Our friend Lyman Rob.having now completely balanced books with me-treated with a glass of Maderia. Hiram Scott,U.M.Robinson & a young man unknown to me present most of the time. Visited P Office. Saw Raymond- Rec'd very acceptable letter of Nov 5.from J.A.Wight. Disliked the Post O folks for not sooner giving it me. During my visit to Fuller's,Hinsdill's &c- a very essential repair had been done on small waggon by order of H.Waters. Came home accompanied by Mrs Wrisley & Adeline from H.W's. A little adventure in the small waggon in tow-by the ladies can't stop to describe. A relative of Mr. Gibson from Poultney,Vt.,bro't hither a very sick horse which,after enduring great distress expired sometime in the evening. The owner was a brother of Mr.G belonging to the place aforesaid-

valued him highly-refused $100 for him when sound-lent him to this Mr.Packard-brother-in-law by marriage-wife being sister of the Gs. the horse a great favorite-rec'd a material injury about 3 weeks previous to the present jaunt-but supposed to have recovered from it-which in my opinion pretty rationally accounted for his being taken off in the manner. Uncle Sam. & others,experienced in horse complaints, would not admit that it was bots-but at last the former-seemed to think that was what ailed him.His eye was bright almost to the last-Pronounced crazy the last 3 or 4 hours of his existence. Large,stout-well turned bay gelding-could go off with waggon & 4 passengers with perfect ease. John L.Robinson,Esqr engaged to pay me 22 cs pr lb for 20 lbs butter-delivered by Jan 1.

FRIDAY,NOV. 13 Freezing cold-ground frozen up as in winter-slight snow cov'd the face of the earth-Mountains white to a certain degree. Merc. 26°-29°-21°-. Stables were prepared for the reception of cows with the exception of that in which the poor horse died. Mr.Packard lamented sincerely the fate of that noble animal-refused seeing his remains-requested us to open

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the body on taking off the hide-Promised we would-but when the skinning came to be performed,there was such a violent stench emitted as made us give up the engagement. It was no easy matter to get off the hide,being obliged to apply human strength only-the carcass lying in the stable giving no opportunity to do otherwise. Uncle Sam. & his fr'd Morgan were on-making or seeing to cider. The former assisted in getting off carcass. Mr.Packard left for Poultney with his lady late in the day willing hide & shoes to us for taking off. Mr.G. not thought likely to live. After bringing up cows at night-one of them,"Brindle Pierce"-was soon discovered to be choked-Every method that was thought of was resorted to for relief-but in vain-The animal in the most acute distress was at length driven to madness-In this stage of the business her throat was cut .Got Messrs Root & Wilson to come over and assist in dressing the beef-which proved quite decent as to quality. Elihu Wright had a hand in it as well as in trying to remove the obstruction while she was alive for which we felt highly obliged to him. R & W charged but 50 cs for their services. It was ascertained that no human means could have succeeded in saving the cow who it seems being introduced to a manger containing a quantity of unhusked corn,loose husks and stalks-literally crammed her throat-so that it was impossible even to remove the contents. Finished writing a pretty full letter to Mr.J.A.Wight-began last evening in which an effort was made at replying to his& giving as ample a report of late events-something as laid down in these pages,as my abilities would admit of. Thanked him in advance for his

pictures which he intended sending us. Rec'd this day a short letter pr Jo.White giving some acct of himself and the pictures-Said articles never arrived.

SATURDAY,NOV 14. Cold morning-chilly damp S.wind-Cldy-Merc.24°-mg-39°-night.
Weighed beef,hide & tallow-Qur's 360 lbs-hide 50-tallow 17 lbs-Lbs 427 total- Worth say $15. Drove to deac.S.Hinsdill's to sell at wholesale,but it was not wanted.Their supply was to fulness. Bo't 1 pr small shoes for boy at 75 cs & 2 lbs sal aeratus-paid in full 95 cs. Engaged hind qr beef-88 lbs at 3 1/2 cs to Benj R.Sears on Acc't. Returned to grist mill took in small grist Ind.meal & samp-the first grinding since settlement. Took new road to E.Village where after finding most people well supplied with butcher's meat-sold to Deac.Winslow 90 lbs hind qr.at 3 1/2 cs on acct. Conversed respecting waggon repairs,building hand cart &c. From the Village up to the Centre meetinghouse-brought our friend Jac Brooks who among other subjects mentioned the seduction of his wife's neice,Miss Randall,daughter of the late Prosper R.,by a Mr.Cephias Sweet,a low character who under pretence of being a man of business-carrying on a tannery at N.Bennington,&c made her believe he was going to marry her,when in fact he only wished & in effect did ruin her. Delivered to Mr.Davis 76 lbs fore qr beef at 3 cs on acc't before leaving E.Village-afterwards deliv'd Sears' to his lady-& 106 lbs fore qr at 3 cs on acc't to S.Chandler. Came home & during the evening put up 31 cheeses of which 21 were made in Sept. For want of time could not weigh until next day-when it was ascertained to am't to 2370 lbs-of which made out a regular bill-total am't including 50 cs a piece for casks,was $198.52 cs. The quantity of cheese sold to Hull & Boon- was 12965 lbs-

SUNDAY,NOV 15. Cldy-damp-very mild-chilly S.Wd Merc. 42°-50°-51°- Much done at writing-While baiting cows in the upper orch'd perused Tho's Campbell's first Letter from Algiers with which felt exquisitely pleased-dated Sept 19 1834- A highly valued cow got choked-immediately attempted squeezing up the apple,but she broke from me before it could be done however,we soon saw her well-the thing having gone up or down. Cheese casks marked ready for transportation- Mr.Loomis expecting to start with them tomorrow morning- at any rate we knew nothing to the contrary. Casks unusually heavy- madeoof thick boards -weighing together 233 lbs- Cheese rarely if ever put up more snugly- every cask being provided with eight hoops. Geo.having taken,recently,a violent cold was seized with chills faintness,vomiting &c went to bed sick. Mr.Gibson was supposed to be some better.

NOV. MOND. 16. Cldy all day- Great roaring of S.wind in the morng. Rained a

little P.M. Late in the day came up black cld in the W.-wind changed direction-grew cold-Merc.46°-to 51°--56°- great part of the day-even worked up to 61°- Ten at night 47°-/ Up early writing Jour'l Geo. too unwell to attend to heavy concerns-mended windows-putting in lights where others were gone &c. Cows baited in the orchard. Hopkins & Watren Sibley by means of horses & waggon convey to Mr.Gibson's two lds wood from materials furnished at the upper edge of the N.Meadow-being cut,Aug.27 by J.A.Wight & self, Uncle Sam with his assistant Page Haynes, came up & took care of cider. S.Loomis in consequence scalding one of his feet pretty seriously-sent word he could not at present convey cheese to Troy-that we had best employ some other team. Sent by his boy a $5 bill & before night chartered the team of B.R. Sears-whose man shipped the cheese this evening ready for an early departure in the morning- Instructed him to purchase,of V & Mowry,2 bbls flour-giving him $13 in money for said purpose. Went this afternoon to Dr.Heman Swift's & made a very satisfactory settlement with him. Acc'ts had run nearly 4 years-say,from Jan 4,1832. Bill for Medical services ab't $48.20-Add for 450 lbs hay rec'd June 1834-$1.80-Keeping colt (two yrs old) 16 weeks $2-Making the full am't up to $52.- Against which had only a single charge for 59 1/2 lbs beef off which took 27 cs to make it even money- he having,as I conceived, treated me very favorably- leaving a balance of $49 due him which was paid most cheerfully-So I came out $8 better than was previously calculated upon. Cous. G. was present & saw the conclusion of the business. Near the dwelling of Dr.S. saw S.C.Raymond & V.D. Spiegle with whom held some loose conversation-and afterwards more particularly with the former on politicks & on the election ofa Delegate from the Town to State Convention-soon to meet at Montpelier to act upon the proposed amendments by the recent Council of Censors-1834- Informed me that P.Isham & Sam.H.Blackmer were among other selected as Candidates for that important trust. That was sufficient for me. Knowing at once the men for whom I should not vote. At the Bank could obtain but one dollar in spieci & that nothing less than quarters. Took3 letters out of the P.Office-one of which proved on examination not to be intended for our family-The others were-from relatives at Hopkinton & friends in Russell-St.L. County,N.Y. Former addressed to me by my cousin R.V.Dewey requiring information concerning his brother Ira B-the latter from Mrs Ashley to Miss Lydia Harwood dated Nov.10- In good health & circumstances-giving an interesting account of her journey & reception among friends in this section & the welcome given her by herneighbors when she got home. It was a natural,lively-feeling,hearty friendly letter. Returned the 3d letter in a day or two after-rec'd back postage.

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TUESDAY,NOV 17. Rather a cool morning-in the main fair-fine for business-

Merc. 48°-38°- Just aftersunset there were red N. Lights-most curiously displayed-lasting perhaps all night. The red hue soon gave way to white-Further shall not proceed to write of this. In baiting cows on apples- the same yellow P. cow became choked the 2d time,but she was soon relieved. Geo. Adeline & Hopkins visited store of Dewey,B.& Co. & shoe store of E. Adams-E.Village-on business. The articles purchased are entered in Day Book of this date. After their return-started for town- called at Roots' & paid 50 cs to his lady for dressing cow. Joined wife & sister in riding up to H.Waters'- Leaving the latter there drove on up to N.L.Robins ons Adeline as well as her mother forming one of the party-Ladies first went into the dwellg.of our cousin-afterwards to L.P.& Co's to see goods. I went to the Court House and voted for V.D.Spieg'l Delegate Isham & Balckmer opposing candidates. No choice first time round. Second time was not present. The multitude grew warm-much riding & whipping done. A load comprising 18 Ishamites started from deac. Hinsdill's in a large waggon drawn by 3 horses just at sunset-were too late-box turned-election declared in favor of V.D.S.- Besides it is said they lost a horse in the bargain. At the deacon's store-But before telling what was transacted there,say at L. P &Co's their new goods were not put up-new store unfinished-however,condescended to show some of them. Among which was a piece of Merino suitable forclokes price $2-nothing less-So we concluded on going to the Deac's. At the former store saw my old friend Libeus Barney. Once downat the Deacon's & letting them know that we were going to purchase a bill of goods worth while business assumed life & activity- Jonas G.Hinsdill-son of the late Norman H. officiated for us, & when all through & bill made out- paid him the amt of $18.17" exclusive of a small cornbrush for which paid 10 cs. We took great pains to get them to set their goods at as low prices as they could-telling them it was our determination to pay down for every thing bo't of the merchants. he that would sell most reasonably would get our money- They protested that they had so done by us- were not afraid to have the bill examined by any one- For sometime after our arrival-the store was destitute of a sufficient number of clerks-Dr Geo.O.Hilbert happening in-officiated an hour or two. D.H. himself they said was confined to his house by decayed tooth which he was afraid to get extracted. His lady & Mrs David Henry appeared very busy hunting up things to their liking in the store. As I was about leaving-recollected the small shoes which did not fit the boy-returned the same & had amount credited me-75 cs tow'd Acc't by N.Edgerton who had just resumed his station behind the counter.-having been absent I presume at the Election. On our way home halted at Widow Col. Sam's- bo't & pd 6 cs for pt Mustard seed- Came up the old road on foot-had a hard one to overtake my team-which however did near D.R. Jun'rs- Bo't on acct.of cous.N.L.Rob.1/2 lb Cinnamon at 50" & 6" worth candy. Got home

after dark. Uncle Sam having had as-distance from Ira & Page Haynes worked at cider excepting time devoted election concerns. Father & cous. Geo.were waited on by him to attend 2d ballotg- capt.H.Robinson furnished team-Their candidate John V.D.Spiegle was the successful one by about 30 majority. Amount of money this day paid was reckoned up at $20.14 1/2 cs.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 18. Almost like summer. P.M. really warm-gentle southern breeze playing-Bright N.Lights at night- Merc.34°-56°-57 1/2 late in the eveg.44°- Hopkins & W.Sibley were early sent for W.Bates' oxen with which united with horses formed a fine team and attached to a good plough the ripping up of a piece of old meadow a little N.E. of the walnut tree standing near the entre of the S.Mead. The young horse Charley took hold nobly,but was permitted to rest a part of the time being considered too young to put to hard service unceasingly. Cows baited again in the orchard. Uncle S.,Ira & Page Haynes make cider very successfully It was the chief employment of B.Harwood & son to turn over clods not properly laid by the plough-so as to have it as thoroughly done as possible. Wife & self visited sick neighbors- Mr.G. getting better slowly-or thought to be so- Wrisley being present-asserted it postively- Tho's K was likewise there. Ad.M. works at cloke. Warren Sibley stays all night with Hopkins.

THURSDAY,NOV 19. Foggy & chilly-forept of the day-more or less cldy-some rainy-chilly at the conclusion of it-Merc. 35°-46° possibly up to 56°- 42°- at night. The plowing of that patch of S. meadow-166 rods- mentioned on the 18th-completed. 1/4 of an acre-N.meadow,bounded S. by slough- & E. by C's orch'd-served in the same way the same pains taken to lay it over fairly & squarely. Uncle Sam'l & his friend Page Haynes work at cider. Let him take B's oxen to transport the cider to N.L.Robinson's- Hopkins goes up to bring them home.-done in the evening. D.Noyce-teamster for B. R.Sears,returned from Troy on the 18th brought hither 2 bbls flour for which pd $6.37 1/2 cs pr bbl. Delivered cheese as prdered-produced my bill to the clerk,who informed him that Hunter & Mallory were absent-no orders for paying for the cheese-gave rec't for the six casks & returned the bill which with 25 cs money over what the flour cost,he left with us & went his way. A part of the evening appropriated to reading Y.Man's Own Book in which found some excellent sayings. Aunt Sarah Robinson dined with us-came down hunting lost spectacles-silver bows-suited exceedingly fine-went overboard as she was riding home lately on a load of apples from this place early in the evening-spectacles being contained in light work pocket-wind blowing stoutly in the bargain. Our neighbor Stephen Bingham came to know if I could lend him,on good security,$400-soon explained to him my total inability to do it-& he

was satisfied. Told me that S.Pratt had his old grist mill,formerly Bushnell's-burnt some night last summer-in a strange way never accounted for to the perfect satisfaction of many people,some of whom boldly accused P. to his face of setting his own building on fire. It was insured by the "Mutual" Co-for $200 & the insurance paid- At first the Agent refused paying because P. verbally agreed to put the building in good repair by new covering & also to furnish a new bolt previous to the Policy been made out which was done on the faith of said verbal promise,but which since the fire is flatly denied the promiser. It was said the windows of the mill at the time of the fire were seen floating in the pond. Ira B.Dewey came to see us.

FRIDAY,NOV. 20 Very mild,cldy-wind S.-Began to rain 1 or 2 P.M. Rained smartly from 4 to 6-wind changed to N.W. evening-produced however no great change of temperature-Wind high-Merc. 48°-59°-54°- sunset. Land last plowed was faithfully rolled- Had cart ladder attached to roller on which Ira B. rode to make weight.

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No milking done at night-too rainy-Stable floor repaired. Last regular cheese for the season is put in press. Mrs Waters & children came on a visit-Hopk's waited upon them home. In the early part of the evening visited Mr.Gibson-not quite so well,but better than in the former part of the day- Presented them with about 17 lbs skim cheese with which appeared pleased Returned home-spending the remainder of the evening shoving the iron pen.

SATURDAY,NOV 21st The high wind of the night blew the house ladder off the roof- Wind continued high all day in the same direction-flying cldy-not very cold. Merc.40°-46°-40°- Late in the evening 35°- Called out of bed at an early hour by Sheriff D.Love to summons me on the P.Jury to be assembled at the Court H-first Tuesday of Dec-10 O'clock A.M. Manure hoed up into heaps-Bates' oxen driven home by Hopkins-Rode "Charley". Cider made by Uncle Samuel & his friend Morgan-Late in the day-rode in two horse waggon to E.V. Hopk's coachman-accomp'd by lady & daughter & Geo.P Eight yds calico at 30 cs & 1 bead purse at 50 cs are purchased for Miss Ad.at the store of Dewey,B & Co.and the bill,including stick twist-5 cs,for Mrs Wrisley-paid in full $2.95- Geo. bo't yellow silk hkf for 87 1/2 cs pd out of my money-but immediately returned to me again after getting home. E.D.Waters & Dan Hinsdill were chief clerks. At the show store of E.Adams could effect no sale of calf skins-nor did the morocco boots fit which were made for Adeline. Bo't only 1 paid of small shoes for Wrisley boy at 75 cs. In payment gave note on shoe store rec'd for apples 4/o & o/6 in money.

Charged to Mrs.W. on Day book. They faintly offered in barter pay 75 cs a pound for sd sks. Own'd that Geo. Hunt-tanner-considered them worth 80 cs. Dr.Chandler was said to be dangerously ill. Among the by-standers were,John Murphy,Charles Thatcher, Sam Keyes.M.Manchester &c. Came home a-cross lots accomp'd by I.B.Dewey. The rest returned in waggon. Read in Spect.of 19th good Downing Letter on anti V.B.ism of Tennessee & Pennsylvania.

SUNDAY,NOV 22. Sharp,cold,chilling N.W. wind. Thick haze-snow expected-cldy-Merc. 32°-29°-26°-24°-midnight. Cows long baited in the orchard. Took off beard-attended to keeping milk & cheese apartments by burning charcoal in house furnaces. Father,Geo & Adeline went to church-heard the celebrated Rev'd Hollis Reed,now just returned from a Mission to Bombay with his lady-after an absence of say 5 years-they heard him preach both aftnoon & eveg. Tho' not all the same hearers in the eveg that were afternoon. G. as well as father-not up in the eve- Kept writing until nearly 12 at night-Weather growing colder. Ira B. came home late.

MONDAY,NOV 23. Commenced snowing early in the morning- Severity of the storm went on increasing all day-very cutting wd from,apparently S.E.-hailed powerfully the latter part of the time-Storm abated considerably in the evening late. Merc. 20°-26°-30°- sunset- The cows were driven up & milked as usual in the ~~evening~~ morning-afterwards snugly stabled-nor were they suffered to go out again except at night long enough to drink-after which were immediately put in their palces. The chief doings were setting up stove in milk room, feeding cattle,getting winter apples,say from 35 to 40 bhls,into cellar from the garret & keeping furnace fire in cheese room to ward off cold- Cousin I B Dewey,after breakfast,left for Warren Pierce's-E Village.

TUESDAY,NOV 24. Calm,but very uniformly cldy-perhaps wd N. Merc.either 21°-or 26°- to begin with-uncertain as to that- 24°-mostly at night 22°-. Quite a coat of snow & hail. Launched the old Scott lumber sleigh-attached horses thereto & conveyed manure on to that part of the S. Meadow near the brook-S & S.E. the cheese house-two fine Lombardy poplars growing slowly close by the N. boundary. Hopk's was much pestered to keep warm. Father & G. had the chief homor in prosecuting the above mentioned business. After assisting at the usual rounds of the morning, was seized with violent pain in the eyeballs-not,however,constant,but still steady enough to be very trokblesome. Retired to the house-sat by good fire-warmed my feet thoroughly took short nap in chair and was well. Performed some necessary manoeuvres about cheese-weighed the last made,being 71 lbs. Whole number of pounds as weighed from the press-16523 lbs-something over 200 more than was made in 1834. Cows foddered & stabled

regularly-Cornstalks for breakfast-hay for supper-All in fine condition & spirits. Much amused in the evening reading reported trial of Frenchman in Paris for ill treating his wife. Spect.Nov 19. Consulted Geogy. on India &c.

WEDNESDAY,NOV 25 Cloudy but pleas't chilly, thawed where fair to the sun-cold in shade.-nearly to freezing warmest hour of the day.Clear eveg. Merc. about 21°-37 1/2°-highest noticed-21°- late eveg. Sleighing manure completed-Cows early stabled-ready for going up street along with our valued friend Wight who arrived here from Williams Coll-about noon with fine little brown mare and red cutter belonging to Southworth. Father visited Mr.Gibson-found him mainly getting better-Nearly out of wood agreed to furnish a temporary supply on the morrow sufficient to last until Mr.E. Fay could foward a load. Along with Geo. J.A.Wight, and Hopk's visited the Street on business. Looked at trunk at John Hicks-price $3.75-however put it down to $3.62 1/2. Mr.Wight also examined a large leathern one-first rate of its kind-at $8-there stuck -no lower. In sleigh at the P.Office door saw our cousin capt.Perez Harwood Sen'r whose health had vastly improved. Son Silas had been ill of Typhus-Pleurisy-very low but considered out of danger-J.A.W. wanted to purchase blank books-saw Solomon Clark & partially bargained for such-Went with him to C.S. Pool's-The man wasout of health-had no trunks on hand-While W. made inquiry at P's-I was a mom't at Forbes'- Saw D.Robinson Jun'r- Heard him complain most bitterly of the remissness of the Rep. of Bennington at Montpelier. Didn't attend to business as became a man in his situation at all. Neglected forqarding information respecting the new regulation in regard to the session of the C.Court-which the present year was to be on the first Tuesday in December. Afterwards heard his conduct excused by a gentleman of different politics so that he appeared much less in fault. Of P.L.Robinson in the new brick store,wherein they had recently commenced doing business-enquired price of butter ? He said 20 cs-were buying it at that payable in goods-Went over to Love's-Saw Col.M.Norton,capt.A?Hyde,M.L.Selden, D.Love & others. Capt.Hyde,who in the early part oft the day had been down & rec'd 20 lbs 10 ozs butter,put in my hands a $5 dollar bill,bidding me to take as much out of it for the butter as would satisfy me-alluding to what was said in the morning, when 22 cs was talked off,but not adhered to,because had not been abroad to learn prices-should now be satisfied with 20 cs. Ran over to L P & Co's new store-got bill changed-& by not sufficiently attending to it handed Capt.H. but 80 instead of 87 cs-Without appearing to notice that said he had made up his mind to pay at the rate of 21 cs & actually handed back to me 17 1/2 do-leaving a fraction due him which must in justice to him,be paid. We were soon away-after hearing from cous.N.L.R. for the stove left there to be sold on the 4th Sept.last take his note for $23.00.

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Got trunks at John Hicks'- Wight's at $8-note due March 1836-mine for $3.62 1/2 payable in beef-but no didn't bring it home-left it to have initials of A M H put on lid in brass headed nails. Only a moment at F.Blackmer's looking at gloves & mittens-bo't nothing- Geo. too saw shoemaker G.Jones- All got home in good season & enjoyed a fine butte'nt crack. Mr.Wight spoke in high tenma of a most excellent Sermon lately delivered by Dr.Griffin-on the Soul of Man- Uncle Sam. came & paid his cider materials,which were now pretty well locked up in frost,a mere passing compliment.

THURSDAY,NOV 26. Not unusually cold for the season-rather inclined to mildness all the middle part of the day-Came up just after dark a pretty severe snow squall from N.W. after which seemed to grow rapidly cold. Merc.19°-36°-20°-eight eveg. Mostly taken up in removal of late made cheese from cheese house to kitchen cupboards including 4 dry ones of last Spring & 1 of last fall. Total weight being 2067 lbs-of which the 4 weighed 152-the last 47 lbs leaving us probably about 1800 lbs to sell next spring-in fine order-most of them- 2 curded not cheated of much cream. Quantity sold-Lbs 13018-of which Hull & Boon had 12965- Whole amt in money-transportation & casks deducted-was $1048.17- Last batch to H & B money not rec'd. Hopk's gets mare shod at Henry Norton's. In the evening a ride to Hinsdill's is projected & executed (~~to-Hinsdillville~~) Wife & Mrs W. accompanied us as far as B.F.Fay's store- Went & returned by way of Henderson woods-encountered great snow squall going down- B.W.Jackson had removed shop to the building lately bearing the name of "Chapel"-now fitted up for accomodation of several kinds of mechanics- Jackson gone to Troy-Adeline has foot measured for pair of calfskin shoes. Hopks left boots to be treed out-pinched over instep- At store saw Jed.Brainard,Esq Tuttle & others. Bo't goods amounting to $1.12 1/2 which were-1 doz.Skinner pens-asking price 62 1/2 cs-1 pr mittens for Hopks-asking 25 cs-2 glass lamps 2/o-that is 1/o apiece-another do at o/9--On paying exacted only $1.12 1/2- Halted in Street to take in those said ladies & to get trunk at Hicks'-likewise to obtain information at Dr.Bigelow's respecting Castleton Seminary- Dewey Robinson,Mrs B, & a young lady present-Handed me a printed statement of Terms &c- Came away without staying to converse much Dr.B. gone to visit Dr.Chandler who was reported to be no better- In the eraly part of the evening called on N.L.Robinson & informed him that I acquiesced in his scheme of putting off the Troy stove-would recieve his promisory note therefor $23,to run 1 year from date-drawing only 9 months' interest. He should put it to Barnabas Wood at $24.00-Ladies Ladies went to Ben.Sears'-Reached home about 8 eveg.

Merc. 17°- at 12 night. Mr.Wight left this morning for Williamstown-going on the morrow to Pittsfield to manage a kind of select school- G.P.Harwood lent him $5 in money- His school to begin on Monday & continue 3 months-for $100- William Hinsdill was the clerk who waited upon us this eveg.

FRIDAY NOV 27. Really very cold-especially about the time it was light enough to see the figureson the thermometer-when the mercury stood at 6°- within an hour rose to 10°- which perhaps might have been not far from sunrise-being then some cldy-1/2 past 9 A.M. rose only to 14°-at noon 20°- about sunset 24°- at dark 23°- Stock well looked to-cows milked regularly once a day. Horses harnessed before sleigh-old wood sleigh in tow-rode direct to S.Chandlers-were proceeding forthwith to have the aged Wood S shod with bars of Swedes' iron- but lo! on examination found the runners too rotten-too much gone to pay the expense-so the scheme was abandoned. Hopkins went with G.P to E.Village-had Charley shod,rings & links affixed to whippletrees at Deac. Winslows'- Saw Mr.Gore & his improved & unimproved Patent Cooking Stove. Borrowed for a long period the scales of I.Doolittle. Saw Adams respecting leather &c- On my part bo't of F.Blackmer 1 handsaw file at o/9 pd which together with 3 saws carried to I.T.Robinson's-filing could not be done until tomorrow-at dinner-invited me to partake-declined- off immediately-Visited store of L.P.& Co.. Hiram Scott had ladies with him who appeared to take hold & trade spiritedly,which amused me as well as Russell Judd who with a friend was ~~driving~~ dining on cold cut they bro't from home at the S.W. corner of the store. The drollery was to hear the very sleek remarks of our mercantile friend while waiting upon said females-on qualities of goods &c. After they were gone-took my turn-examined a few light articles of dry goods,bo't none,but by consent of the owner pocketed some to take home to see if the ladies approved of appearances. Came down to the Post Office-saw Capt.D.Robinson Jun.-heard him complain of corruption in Legislative bodies particularly that of the State of Vermont-during whose late session spent 4 days at Montpelier. Came to F. Blackmer's- bo't mittens,stiff buck skin-4/o-skn silk-5 cs-paid. Mr.Sam Scott came in-said Dr.Chandler could not live-must go within a few hours-Company enlarged in the store-Lawyer Squires stayed only a few moments-but presently there were B.Harwood, Mr.Witherell, J.Ripley,capt.P.Dewey, & Geo.Norton Sen Mr.Scott became animated on Bennington Battle by mentioning birthdays of himself & others-His was on the 30th Jany 1778- P.Dewey's Jany 26-1778-Stephen Dewey's March 1778- D.Robinson's July 1777- That of the late J.E.Robinson-Aug 1777- Told of as many as 70 male individuals within the circle of his acquaintance, born some time in those two Revolutionary years. This made an easy introduction to a very long & brilliant description from hearsay which he had picked up and now eloquently displayed of Bennington Battle-

His remarks on the old officers of that day were full & unreserved. Perhaps some were right & some wrong- In the midst of this lecture,with which in fact,as was always the case when ever these interesting matters were brought up in discourse,I was most agreeably entertained.-left for home-assisted in taking proper care of the barn-afterwards read many pleasing articles in Spectator of Nov.23d. Amount of cheese made in the season of 1835 was 15104 lbs. Left letter at Dr.Bigelow's to go by a young man to Mr.L.F.Clark-Principal of the Castleton Seminary-making strict enquiry into the expense of supporting a female student there during the Winter Term-provided her studies were merely English? What for French ? Requested to know the whole & the worst without disguise. Stated age & at what Academy the applicant had attended school heretofore. Wanted an immediate reply.

SATURDAY,NOV 28. Calm,cldy-and during a few hours-thawy-Merc. 26°-nt 28°- Sleighing remarkably good for so little snow.Business led us to Shaftsbury-Made stops in town-made one at L.P. & CO's store-returning goods borrowed of P.L.Robinson-seeing capt. A.Hyde,paid him fraction of 4 cs due on concern of the 25th. Without further interruption,leaving father to visit his cousin capt. P.Harwood-drove two horse sleigh to Barton's-Shaftsbury-saw some strangers in the shop Dined-some excuses by Mrs B-Children principally at school. Returned to the shop-Rec'd credit for two cow hides-111 lbs-at 5 cs $5.55 cs-for horse hide $1.25-Tot $6.80- Remainder of

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calf skins being finished the same were placed in my possession & added to acct-Whole number 30-27 black'd-three done for pocket book leather-the former at 3/o Yk-the latter at 2/o-same currency-Tot for doing skins $10.87 1/2- Bo't on cr.very pretty side upper lather cow hide-for $2.75"-whole am't being $13.62 1/2. This completed business here-would just observe that old Mr.Barton as usual was busily employed at shoe making-and among those just mentioned as company was my old friend Whiton who related the story I had before heard respecting Hull & Boon breaking down &c-Told too about the conduct of Huntington in not taking the whole of the Harmon Dairy. See Oct 26-& Nov 2. Came back to capt.Harwood's-Self & people slowly recovering from sickness. Waited for father to dine.Compliments were exchanged-were under way-took road to Walbridge's mill-there left 1 bhl corn for which the miller agreed to give two do buckwheat-kept on to S.Hinsdill's store at which bo't 16 Gs sugar house molasses at 42"- 1 square silk called "Gro de Rhine" for $1.75 and 1/2 lb Cassia 12 cs-paid in full $8.59.Came off without the last article through forgetfulness. A power of

company present-Deacon's lady inclusive. Besides attending to this business-accompanied Geo P. to B.W.Jackson's-had measure taken for coarse boots a pair (a-pair)at $1.50 for the making only-Left material sufficient for mine-Geo. to be furnish'd in part by Jackson. Without making halts of more than momentary duration-getting saws at I.T.Robinson's & paying for filing,25 cs in money & the file-reached home before sunset- Affairs at the barn were not long in settling. Ezekiel Gore Jun came up from E.Village-this morning on business and informed us that Dr.Jonathan Chandler breathed his last about 8 o'clock A.M. Thus is removed from us forever the man of skill & enterprise one who had begun to rise rapidly in public estimation as a professional as well as a business man in the midst of his days. He was years of age leaving a wife & children to lament his untimely departure. Mr.G. came to see about exchanging one of his newly invented cooking stoves for a farrow cow. The beast was exhibited to him at $15-would trade even-Further proceedings postponed until Monday. Weighed cask molasses-which amounted to 198 lbs.

SUNDAY,NOV 29. Real winter-stiff N.Wind-blowing about snow as usual when it covers the earth as it now does. Pretty fair with flying clds. Merc. 20°-18°-20°-16°- at sunset-fell to 10°- soon after dark-remained so all the evening. The ladies of this family excepting mother,father & Geo. went to meeting. My reading was not extensive-Some passages of Church History-the first Chap't of St.Luke,a few articles of Geography,-Reported Trial of case between a capt Henry Robinson & three Marine Insurance Co's of New York-in which the former recovered of the latter damages sustained in crossing the sand bars in the neighborhood of Sandy Hook-NY. York & Erie Rail Road Report in which it was stated that the work had actually been begun near the Delaware-Whole length of Road as laid down by Benjamin Wright Esqr-Engineer-would be 483 miles-if my memory be correct.Estimated cost of the whole-6 million dollars. Wife,daugh't & son marched to Widow Kent's this evening. Inhabitants there appeared to be plenty-Mr.Wrisley inclusive. Mr.Hooker among other public notices,gave out that there would be a meeting of the Church Members together with the Society of the Central Congregational on Friday next-2 o'clock P.M.-to see,among other things,about an old debt against said Society & Church. I wonder that they should be so in debt-& what it can be for ?

MONDAY,NOV. 30. Not so very moderate either this morning-cloudy-spitting snow very slightly-It was in fact a really cold day-tho' by no means-severe as we are many times wont to say- Held cloudy through all the day-even darkly so near sunset. Merc. 8°-11°-16°-20°-16°- Business drew me,in the S.H.Brown Cutter(not before out) to E.Village-Paid John Sharp for cider hhd-bo't on the

4th inst.$2 in full. S. told me when on his way last week in Steam Boat to N.Y. saw a man who wanted to send money by him to me-due for cheese-would hand it to him in the City-but after his arrival there-missed seeing him any more ptevious to taking leave. Of course this was no other than the lively Mr.Boon. Drove to Mr.Crossett's-Gore gone over the Mountain- Shewed me a stove of the improved kind at a neighboring house the lady of which liked it exceedingly well-Price $15. I doubted not its utility-all on a good plan- C. informed me where I could find one to take home on trial- But I made up my mind that we could well dispense with it during the present Winter.so here it may drop. Called a 2d time on J.Sharp & bo't 16 1/2 lbs salt pork at 11 cs paid on the spot. Mr.Ovait & others were present at the Upper Grocer opposite Dewey's ,Booth & Co. the former was going to have pork to sell-from 800 to 100 Lbs-wanted $7 pr hund. Mr.S. & myself thought it would,after the first Jan.go for a much less price no time yet lost about purchasing. Came onward for home. Sharps little boy rode with me to the post office-he carry the mail for the people of E.Village at $12 annually. Bo't of & paid L.Patchin & Co for 1/2 oz Italian Sewing Silk-33 cs. D.Robinson's Jun's lady happened in spoke of butter expected at our hands-intimating slight fears that would not be good on account of the lateness of the season. I said something calculated to keep her cool. Gen David Robinson rode with me down the hill to near Riddle's landed & said he was going to visit Mr. V.D.Spiegle Expressed some anxiety in respect to what the State Convention soon to assemble at Montpelier-would do-Believed it better to let it,the Constitution,remain as it was-than to meddle with it. Rec'd late Spect. (26th) at Blackmer's. Came home in good season. G. P. assisted some by Hopk's,threshed oats- Father sawed old wood. I read some very curious remarks by Brook's on certain individuals of both Houses B. Parliament-their mode of doing business as public bodies &c- Very queer & pretty. Sat up late until late hour in the evening-writing. Cheese made present month

TUESDAY,DEC'r 1st. Cold morning-rather on the moderate side from 10 until 1-otherwise sharp & chilly-hazy-cldy-Wind variable-Merc. 12°- mg- 23°-at night-eight in the evening. In obedience to summons past 10 A.M. appeared in open court as juror- answered to my name when called & together with 24 others took the oath prescribed by law- administered by Gen'l Henry Robinson the County Clerk. After some preliminary movements-the chief Judge Williams finding no business prepared for the Jury-dismissed them until 2 o'clock P.M. & soon after adjourned to that hour. Mix'd up with the multitude-sometimes at N.L.Robinson's & sometimes at Love's. At the former place rec'd note dated

Nov. 25,1835 for $23 due 1 year from date to draw interest after 3 months-signed by N.L.Robinson in consideration of having rec'd the stove mentioned on the day of date. The same was sold by him to Barnabas Wood for $25 part pd.in beef-the remainder took note for secured by his brother Anson. Saw much company from whom gathered many interesting facts. Canal frozen up with great quantities of flour afloat in con

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consequence of which the arti cle has risen vastly in market-Worth $7 in Troy. J.Loomis Jun arrived from a tour to Michigan on Friday last- Likedthe country every way excepting for health to which it was sorely adverse- Came through Buffalo since the great storm of Nov.11th the effects of which he said were most terrible-the most furious ever known at that place. As to other interests too, heard one pretty hard case. One of the great butchers of Troy-during the warm weather early in Nov-lost in one night 150 carcasses-suspended close together so that they were tainted-Probably this nearly broke the man's heart-if not,it must have been the destruction of his purse. Walked to B R Sears'-made known the occasion of my visit-was served with bread,butter,pie & cider. Cousin Mary Ann let me know that her husband was in some trouble-told her I would pay him what was due ere long. At the hour appt'd Court was opened-present,Williams,Barton & Norton. The unimportant trespass suit between Ed.M.Welling & Jones & Richards-two last(Defen)plaintiffs-trying to prove that the former damaged their Wool'n Factory by sliding off lumber from the tail of the mill & otherwise storing lumber in the yard-to the use of which he had an undoubted right from long established usage- I say, after many respectable witnesses were examined on either side-It was so plainly in favor of defendant that the chief judge did not trouble the jury to act upon it- giving it to him at once-So much for neighborhood quarrels. Such witnesses as are recollected shall be named- Esqr Waiste-who surveyed the yard-gave a plan of it-58 rods in extent.James Breese,Geo.Richards,Josiah Russell, father-in-law of Welling,Dan'l Rogers Jr,N.Hinsdill, U.Edgerton Esqr, Asa Doty &c- After this several causes were called on & continued-at last they hit upon one that the parties were ready for trial-Lewis Beach vs Matteson- Soon after Court adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning-Rode home a part of the way with Judge L.Norton. Geo.P. attended funeral of Dr.Chandler-Sermon by Mr.Hooker-

Adeline & Hopkins went to Jackson's on business-returned with 2 bbls buckwheat due from Brainard for 1 bbl corn- Rec'd said buckwheat after being ground,of course. Cousin G. purchased 2 large blk silk hkfs at Dewey,B & Co's-at $1.62 1/2-one of which I took at the same-paid this evening. The

ladies were ardently engaged in dressing fowls for thanksgiving this night. Attorneys in the affair above mentioned, were-John S.Robinson & S.A. Robinson Blackmer for Plaintiffs & D.R.Jun & U.M. Robinson for Defendants. allowing me to be correct.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 2d. Most extraordinarily cold-not exactly clear-divided between hazy & cloudy-Merc. 6°-6°-at noon-1°-sunset 2°-below o nine eveg. Past 12-4 ° below. Stand to it hay, should this weather continue. Again in attendance at court as Jurors- Spectators & people interested, about as numerous as usual. Few causes ready for trial. many put over because the parties were not seasonably informed respecting the new arrangement. At last however came on a suit concerning Turner Hills, Austin, Booth & Co-a note held by Jones against T.Hills-secured by that Company as apparent at that time to the holder-but this day proved in court not so- It was for $400-It was to go to the Jury-but finally decided by court-Said note was signed by one of the parties only-the other partner residing in Massachusetts at the time-1833- It was out of their regular routine of business & therefore given in favor of Defendants. Next cause of importance-was George Card vs Kinsley Brown Caleb Lilley, C.Lilley Jun. & another young Lilley-Christian name not recollected-For trespass & assault & battery. It was my fortune to be drawn as one of the twelve to pass upon this cause. In the declaration it appeared that on the 25th March last, the day on which the annual March meeting was holden in Pownal-late in the day-Plaintiff was found near (by) a certain large stump about half way between the mid-town and Mr.Elsworth's, by Defendants-seized & very harshly treated, not only there but afterwards along the road as was sufficiently proved, but not clearly so against all of them- Came in this manner up the road as far as a Mr.Herrington's-where Plaintiff was pushed off a very steep bank & was in great danger of having his neck broken by the fall-hat & clothes very materially injured-Mr.B. principal- using very insulting language-calling out about "honey" alluding to an old affair between plaintiff & the younger Lilley's-the former charging the latter with taking without liberty a quantity of that article. This being the cause of the present savage attack. I shall not pretend to go into this as if to give a regular report-Shall, on the contrary, present a sort of sketch merely to preserve a few of the prominent facts. Old Mr.Lilley confessed to A.Cvait that he guessed Mr.C would say no more about "honey"-they (would not say) who, had given him some, & if it hadn't been for him, believed they would have killed him. To another witness a few weeks after the row pointed out the ground where C was pushed off &c- By numerous witnesses, male & female, boys & men the thing was pretty thoroughly proved-not however, so very hard agains t the young men-nor indeed against the old gentleman

except in a kind of negative sense-he being supposed in a measure answerable for their conduct in his presence. Testimony being at an end-U.M.Robinson Esqr addressed the Jury quite ably & pathetically for Plaintiff-quite interesting,but I felt as if,some too long. Was followed by A.P.Lyman Esqr,on the other side. Did well considering the part he had to act-should say his plea was pretty fair-wanted to make it appear that it was only a common drunken frolic-no harm meant by Defendants. S.H.Blackmer Esqr made the closing plea in which,as an easy natural speaker,he appeared to great advantage- Have hardly been better entertained by public speaking. Then Judge Williams gave the charge-clearly & impartially-So it was fairly committed to the Jury who were waited upon by Mr.Deputy Sheriff Love-out of C,across the way,up stairs into the N.W. bed room of the old Brick House Tavern. Mr.Love exerted himself sedulously in making up a good fire for us-Organized by choosing capt. Heman Robinson,Foreman-and in my opinion a happy choice-Not a great deal said-but it was soon apparent that the Defendants stood but a slim chance- Brown was unanimously condemned- Next old Caleb was tried-all gave him over but three who could not for want of positive proof-supposed him guilty enough in point of fact- then was brought up the young L's-on whom they divided 8 to 4.The former against,the latter for them-upon no other ground than want of direct testimony-of these I was one,but not strenuous. Mr.Corey of Shaftsbury was for no exceptions-feeling too that exemplary damages ought to be awarded in order to suppress the licentious mob-like spirit of the day-to include all & fine heavily. I could heartily go with him in the latter point- Before it was positively settled how the verdict should be made up-the damages were called up-proceeding in the usual way to mark-every one for himself. Can't state particulars-but when they came to make an average it was remarked that it was very unusual for so many persons to mark so near alike in a

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cases of the kind. Two,Corey & Harwood,marked $50-three-including the foreman marked $30-three $25-am not able to specify farther than that on taking the average sum it went at $25-and in making up the verdict-it was agreed that the young Lilley's should be brought in not guilty & entitled to costs-that Brown & Caleb Lilley be pronounced guilty and pay damages amounting to $25. So accordingly it was made out by the Foreman,in due form,and the Jury being conducted in the usual way to their seats in the Court House,was presented to the Court through the Clerk & duly accepted-after which the Jury were dismissed for good. But we could not depart until the Chief Justice & Clerk had proceeded to call over the whole docket,which being through,the clerk call-

ed up & paid off every Juror in rotation at $1 pr day-1 day being allowed for returning home- & 5 cs pr mile-travelling fees. I rec'd a State Order for $3.10cs-being in full for services as above. The Court was to come in again-transact some formal business & adjourn without day. Came as far as Blackmer's with S.Pratt Jun-who told me by signing bond for Luther Park when he was 2d constable some 15 or 20 yrs since-had to pay for him,he never knew how much,at least $900 for which P. never had returned a single cent-not so much as "Thank You". I called it a Bond-no matter what-it was surety given to the town-for P. while in that office. And in another case when his brother Billings broke down-lost a good deal of money-so that at one period he was $300 worse than nothing. Mr.Buck of Pownal walked with me on the way towards home as far as the poplar lane where he parted off for Pownal. Sat up late keeping fires to protect cheese & milk from freezing- Thermometer sunk to 4° below zero-between 1 & 2 at night or in the mg.

THURSDAY,DEC'r 3d. Held very cold-unusually so- Pretty clear-rather hazy-Merc. 6° below zero-not observed higher than 12° above during the day- down to 2° at nt. Nothing of much importance going on-affairs at the barn kept in due order-writing as usual performed. Father,Geo.P. & Adeline went to meeting-tarry was short indeed. No one excepting Mrs Wrisley & little boy were here at supper. Company was expected in the evening. Mr. Wells Martin & lady-but they did not appear- Miss Martha Wrisley spent the eveg with our ladies.Father & Hopkins were at Mr.Gibson's early in the eveg-Mr G. getting much better-had lately employed a Thompsonian physician in whom he trusted much. Let us say this is Thanksgiving for Decr 3,1835.

FRIDAY,DEC'r 4. Snowy for most of the daylight part-but not much gain in quantity-Weather vastly softened down-Wind chiefly from S.turned round to N tow'd night- Merc.26°-30°-32°-30°- Nothing doing very consequential.Improved a part of the N'th stable floor of the new barn-that is meant to better it by laying another of inch boards mostly over it. The carcass of the horse which died here some days since was visited & the shoes taken off. Went to a certain spot near the East extremity of the upper orchard,Geo. & Hopkins in company & looked up a common draft chain-such as farmers generally use for ploughing & common farming concerns-that was covered with snow-left there while appling. About dark G & H-chores at the barn barn being disposed of-rode after Charley in the Cutter to Town-returned with letters & papers-the former from the Post Office-one to G.P. from H.Palmer-Essex,N.Y.- the other from Principal-Castleton Seminary-detailing terms or charges on each scholar during the ensuing Quarter-am't being from $30 to $32 or $33-everything usual included. So of course it was resolved that Adeline M.would be a member of

that institution for that length of time. Up late reading papers respecting (J.D.) Congress & Politicks by the cousin of Jack Downing.

SATURDAY,DEC'r 5. Commenced moderate & grew cold all day-wind blowing violently-afternoon & a good deal in the evening. Snow flying furiously-working up into high drifts-Merc.27°- mg-12° after dark- Drove up street & ultimately to Deac.Hinsdill's- At the Bank saw Dr.N.Swift with whom held a short consultation-would say conversation-,in the course of which he observed that cheese was bringing a good price in market- Wid.Wheeler had sold hers for more than we got for ours- Gave me a word of caution respecting Hull & Boon-founded on good authority- Felt some alarmed,though nothing abroad was known to be afloat against their reputation. Made up my mind to besiege them hotly until receipt of pay in full. Halted at Love's to enquire if he would engage beef-Not at home-Albro could not tell. There were seated in Bar Room,J.S. Robinson Esqr, J.Loomis Jun,Isaac Cole, & perhaps somebody else. J.S. enquired respecting butter-Gave no very encouraging reply- At Hinsdillville recd Adeline's new calfskin shoes at $2 & Buckskin moccasins-new bottoms-75 cs. Did not pay because the coarse boots were not done- which the workmen said would be at night. Mr.Jackson not present-promised to pay the whole bill on getting those boots. Bought at the Deacon's 1 lb h.s.tea for 42 cs-paid & instead of the half pound cassia-left there a few days since-rec'd 1 oz nutmegs. Came up to Blackmer's bo't pins & letter paper for Adeline to amt of 29 cs-paid- Called at H.Waters took in Lydia & Adeline & brought them home. In the evening visited Mr. Gibson who appeared to be getting better-requested me to call on his relations in Poultney-instructed me concerning the road &c-On returning home the women were so numerous about tables,stand,& lights & my mind so full of Hull & Boon that reaeing was of very little use & as little sought after-notwithstanding the possession of the new Troy paper sent us by J.C.Presho-Nov 25" N.Y. State Journal"Vol.1 No.2. At Hinsdill's understood there was no established price for pork as yet. Said to be worth in Troy from $6.50 to $7 pr hundred. At Ben Fay's saw a boy of Edward M.Welling standing by a pair of young oxen crying. It seems that he had just had them shod at Col.Norton's-afterwards failed in making them fast to the neap of a light iron shod bob sleigh-they made off-it was with some difficulty that he could head them & turn them to the spot where they then stood. He solicited Mr.F. as he marched past going to his store-making no reply, that I heard-entering the store & closing the door after him. I took compassion on him & in about 2 or 3 minutes saw him safely & cheerfully off. His name was Charles Welling-in his 14th year. Came to our house in June 1834 along with old Mr.McKee of White Creek,N.Y.- Protracted meeting going on at the new church in Hinsdillville.

SUNDAY,DEC'r 6. Cold,hazy-Cldy-some snowy-
Merc. 2°-18°-15°- Wrote
letters to Mallory & Hunter,Troy- & to Dr.Hull-
respecting pay for the cheese delivered Nov.17-
Father,Geo.P. Mrs Wrisley & Adeline went to meet-
ing. George attended evening meeting at E Fay's-
Much done fixing off Adeline for Castleton. Pre-
pared Cutter. Mr.Gibson sent up letter for his
son Hiram to his friends in West Poultney.

MONDAY,DEC'R 7. Sound & severe-flying clds-
wind N.W.- Merc.15°- Up early-
all hands very industrious in getting us ready-ex-
cepting Hopks-who was so drowsy could not

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raise him until a moment before
we started-Actually rec'd noble
start-enjoyed pleas't ride to Arlington where ar-
rived before or by about 11 o'clock. Very hosp-
tably rec'd by Bing.Hill's-partook of coffee,bread,
butter,pie &c- Mrs Hills read her friend Ashley's
letter which pleased her not a little. Her son Geo.
came in & conversed very sociably with Miss Ad.
Mrs H. being in the kitchen-passed a joke on the
young folks being together in allusion to what was
said at the time they were born-in 1816-& perhaps
the year after- See Jour'l Oct 1816 & 1817. Saw
Bingham's mother. It was washing day there- The
price of oak scantling used instead of foot stove,
took a thorough baking there- Without stopping to
be particular it must suffice to write that we
reached the residence of Mr.John Phelps-E.Rupert-
a little after sunset. Came on W. road in Manches-
ter & in Dorset-Sleighing remarkably thin,but good-
with the exception of some few spots barred by
winds. Rec'd in the most friendly & hospitable
manner by Mr.P. & lady- Their 4 children were all at
home-smart & in good health-daily attending Dist.
School- The order in which they stand according to
age is thus- William-aged about 16-Anne,13,John 11-
Mary the youngest between 8 & 9- The 2d boy had
commenced reading through a very thick Octavo of
about 1300 pages-entitled- Encyclopaedia of Reli-
gious Knowledge lately purchased into the family.
To finish reading it in one year for a certain stip-
ulated reward. A Mr.Sheldon,a near neighbor,parti-
ally agreed with me to convey his son to Bennington
on my return thither.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 8. Not so cold as on the 7th but
at the same time there was, a
yellow haze-meant to have written-very cutting N.W
wind, Were most generously assisted in getting a
good morning start- Found rather indifferent sleigh-
ing through the low grounds of Paulet- Observed the
curious peak of mountain & its brothers a short
distance N. or N.E. of Pawlet meetinghouse. The
road through Wells by the E side pond-which is hand-
some collection of water. Road rather rough,nar-
row.

not over safe to drive in during dark night
Scenery romantic -mountain rising steep from the margin of the pond-leaving hardly room for the road-Passed the Village of E. Poultney-very imposing in appearance with its 3 fine churches. Arrived at Castleton-say at 1 P.M. Fine village-but losing pointo of compass rendered it something unpleas't to me- Drove in front of Seminary-wind blowing a gale from the W. Adeline was ushered into the keeping room where were the Principal & some few young people-most of whom supposed to be scholars. I was anxious to have my beast out of the wd which after some little trouble was effected,but not on the premises-for their was no accomodation by way of horse shed short of the tavern-where the creature was fed. Our Principal appeared to be a smiling kind of man-Took his aside-solicited his good offices in selecting a good room mate for our daughter- Said he had selected such a one-excellent character-of very respectable family-think he introduced her to us. At any rate Adeline saw her friend Miss Clark daughter of Myron C. of Manchester- My business was soon at an end here-Deposited trunk in A's room in the 2d story- Changed $5 bill into ones & 1 dollar specie-by visiting Westover's Inn - Goldsmith's Shop & Bookstore- Left the same with Adeline. Departed the same in season to reach W.Poultney Village by an hour after sunset. Found the residence of Mr. Gibson-and the first thing after getting into the house was "How do you do Mr. Harwood" from the lady of the house-formerly the wife of Mr.John Chase who died in May 1832-if my memory be correct-had since married & settled here-Saw her with her husb'd Mr.G in Sept-allowing me to be correct,1833. At any rate was now made perfectly welcome(~~on-acct~~) perhaps more especially so as they were very glad to get direct news from their brother John Gibson & family-now in low circumstances in our neighborhood-Produced the letter from his lady in which was a rather favorable report respecting his health. Introduced to the mother of (Mrs) Mr.G-aged & infirm-very anxious about John - had been long expecting to hear of his death-very much rejoiced to learn that he was alive & presumed to be getting better-I was careful to not encourage too much- Mrs G. said she was about 70. Mr.Packard & lady came over-the latter-daughter of the old lady- They came down at the time the horse died-Nov 12-which was talked upon-likewise many characters formerly known to Mr. P. in his youthful days in Bennington where in 1814-15 -16 he resided-were enquired about & remarked upon. Saw a new book entitled "The Mariner's Library",in the hands of a boy-son of Mr.P.Looked at the same & found it to be a hotch potch-quite amusing & entertaining-calculated for catching money-like almost everything that is passed upon the credulous public-whether moral,Religious or Literary-whether Colleges,Academies or District Schools-all may be summed up in a word-To Make Money- Spent a part of the evening at Mr.P's. They told me that their eldest son was at Fair Haven learning the Mercantile business under the

management of an uncle-whose wife was the sister of Mrs P-the young man was now about 16 yrs of age-Had only 2 boys-the younger being about 14- After returning to Mr. G's sat up late-conversing on common topics one of which was the beef speculation in which he had ventured some capital. Had at one time been discouraged-supposing himself a loser-But by getting his beef put up in good order & sent on to N York,while vast quantities were kept back in Troy by the shutting off of the river-the price had risen & his correspondent,in whose hands it was left for disposal held out the prospect of profitable sales. Felt pretty well respecting his beef Past 10 went to bed.

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 9. Cold-snowy-no great increase of the article.chilling wind from the south-Made acquainted with two young men this morning belonging to Mr.G's family- Messrs Dutton & Broadshaw-The latter had been out during a part of the last night with a party of 26 persons of both sexes seated comfortably in a single sleigh of vast capacity in which was performed a 16 mile ride. Mrs G. took me into the parlor to shew an elegant full length picture of a child(female) three years of age,daughter of one of her sisters. This brought up the recollection of a child of the same age & sex lost by her present husband since she came to live with him. It was an idol of the family & on parting with it-it nearly broke the heart of Mr.G. She remarked that she had got a good husband,was pleasantly situated-not always the case in second marriages-There were no children on either side- Mr G. never had more than 2-both which were dead- After receiming every attention from these people & taking letter,present & compliments to their relatives-took my departure at about 8 o'clock in the morning. Commenced snowing & continued so more or less with but short intervals most of the day. Came by Granville Corners to Pawlet Meeting House-thence to J. Phelps'- In ascending the hill W of said meeting house passed a load of flour-stuck-The man with it got another to hitch on a span of horses to help him up. That same flour man came into Mr.Phelps' at about 6 in the evening complaining of bad luck-got stuck-broke his tugs-Enquired the distance to next tavern. Was told two

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miles-to which he was advised to go & without doubt did go. Got to Mr. P's at about 12 at noon-Took opportunity to shave & sleek up-very sociable with Mrs P. Mr P had to go to his friend's Sheldon's to assist at butchering hogs.In the early part of the evening Josiah F.Cushman,hired man there in Dec. 1828-came in a while. His father was formerly from Bennington-married one of the daughters of the late Josiah Fuller-raised a large family of children of whom 12 were now living-60 years of age-residing in the

Black River country- The main part of the evening spent at capt.Silas Harwood's along with ffiend Phelps- The capt. & lady rec'd us very courteously- Had lately rec'd letter from Abner Marble dated at a town a few miles E. of Natchez-Oct 26-Written in fair hand,but badly spelled- Several of the members of the M family had died within the last ten years among whom was Theophilus,brother of A,whose personal property amounted to about 18000 dollars. Capt. H gave the history of the Ms.how they first went to Kentucky soon after the close of the Revy war-thence to Natchez about 40 yrs since-being driven off by Indian hostilities &c- Capt H. shewed us his newhouse recently erected in front & joined up to the old one. Returned to Mr.P's-sat up late-conversing with the good folks. In the course of my visit learned that he was keeping between five & six hundred head of good sheep-had plenty of hay-fed his flocks fully & bountifully. Grained & otherwise so well took care of his sheep last Spring that only 4 grown ones died-Lost few or no lambs- Also kept neat cattle,horses & hogs in due proportion. Believed in keeping every thing well. Owned three hundred acres of land-tow'd which was some indebted.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 10. Severe pleasant morning.About 10 A.M. wind blew up from N.W. causing the snow to fly in many places to the great annoyance to the poor beings who were obliged to encounter it- Saw it rise in smudges E of the Village of Manchester on the G. Mountain- After arrival at home late in the evening- Mercury ran down to 8°- Every kind & neighborly office having been promptly & perhaps very undeservedly fulfilled towards me by Mr.P. & family, & the son of Mr.S. being seated with me in the cutter-started for Bennington at 8 A.M.- Came W road through Dorset-& after passing the main part of Manchester Village,before getting to which & while riding through the same-suffered severely from the play of drifting snow which met us full in the face-took River road in which fancied nothing was gained in point of sleighing .Before arriving at Lathrop's near Arlington Church became very cold both of us. At this place took a real heat- Were amused hearing old Esqr Deming & others converse on various subjects. There was a certain old gentleman,stranger in the place, from Buckland,Ms-whose manner or address was almost peculiar to himself. Pretty soon a gentleman called in to enquire where to turn off to get on to the Stratton Turn Pike. Esqr.D. gave the required information. Then the question was put to know with what he was loaded ? He replied with fowls-say 1 ton for Boston-Our Buckl'd man immediately sallied forth to inspect them-saying he could tell whether they were properly prepared for the Boston Market) ~~to which they were destined~~) He returned into the Bar Room & stated that he told the gentleman in whose care they were,that had there been pains taken in dressing them amounting to $1-would have bro't a number of dollars more in Market.

He then entertained the company with a lively account of sales of fowls,butter & cheese,but chiefly of the two first in the City of Boston-which went to show the nature of mankind very fully. Another gentleman who appeared to be an Arlington man also joined in conversation- stating many facts touching the sale of horses in New Haven-wherein he had had experience. Compared such dealing to angling-where they frequently had only hearty nibbles. About 1 P.M. came away-enjoyed a very pleas't ride to Bennington Court house where arrived just at sunset- Left young S. at W.Haswells'- Rec'd payment for his ride of his father- 50 cs- Got home before dark- Learnt that Capt.Hawks had procured pay in full for the cheese & casks described Nov.14- Capt.H. demanded & rec'd 25 cs for bringing the same from Troy-where he was told it had been ready for me about one month. Geo.P. had been to A.Sherwoods & bespoke two fatted hogs.

FRIDAY,DEC'R 11. Fair,handsome,real winter, Merc. 2° below zero-28°-22°- above- Assisted G.P. in running through fanning mill about 17 bhls oats & casking 12 big cheeses in large cakks which were filled up with oats. In the evening looked over & had money counted by which discovered a loss of $5-which puzzled me not a little,but next morning a bill of that denomination was accidentally picked up off the floor-making total on hand $321.55 but not sufficient to meet every demand-actual & probable,by from $50 to $80.- Mr.G. more unwell- Hopkins was sent to N.Bennington to procure medicine for him. The letter & present from Poultney were duly delivered.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 12. Mild-cldy-thawed slightly-very light breeze Southern wind- Rain some expected. Merc. 22°-32°-28°-26°- Let us now state respecting the thermometer from the 7th to the 10th inclusive. Dec 7 11°-14°-12°- Dec.8. 18°-26°-20°- Dec.9 18°-25°- Dec 10 12°-14°- Now for the 12th. Started out for Hinsdill's with father & wife in cutter-called at L Patchin & Co's Goods for Mrs Wrisley were selected- Cloth examined for surtout for father, liked pretty well at $3.50 pr yd- not bargained for however. Lawye r Squires& Jas Hubbell Esqr were pres't- the former at request was shown McDuffie's Message on Slavery-the latter talked about first settlement of the town,his Journal,& his ancestors-of whom my father could tell him of what he before did not know. Drove on-met uncle Sam in jumper-had very sore side- went to Hinsdill's Sam H Waters & others there- Left Mrs H-went to Mr A Sherwood's-saw his son from Hoosick-looked at & selected from among his swine two very fine ones-the same picked by Geo for our pork-at the price he would get for the others- no premium to be axacted other than to make him good for any loss he might sustain on sale of the rest-this however to stand on fair footing-he engaged to demand no more than what was about right. Accepted of an invitation to dinner-Mr.S.said he was 68 years of age-don't recol-

colect his lady's age- Six children- 3 married off 3 at home. Saw a young man there in his shirt sleeves. Returned to Deac.Hinsdill's- Entered into negotiation for a piece of broad cloth which was said to have been sold at $4.50-now offered for at $4 was positively assured that no merchant in town except the Deac. could afford to sell so low the same quality of goods-would put the trimmings low enough to make the bargain cost as little as that offered at L.P.& Co's. So of course it was bo't-3 7/8 yds & trimmings for surtout for our hon'd father. 3 yds more lower quality-for Hopkins surtout was purchased at $2.42" & trimmings for the same- Whole bill $25.52 paid in full- Peter Parley's Almanac-1836-Gratis-

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Nearly sunset before we came away.Took new road by Montague's- Saw M. & informed him of my recent tour to the N. & having seen his sister & husband. Called at L. Patchin & Co's-Paid bill for Mrs Wrisley in money amounting to $6.22"-it being materials for cloke- Got home about dark- found cousin Ellen M Parsons- from Hoosick Falls-(broth)Bro't hither by her cousin Seth F.Parsons- Some bad as well as good news she bore which I may notice another day. Seth Foster returned from up Street late in the eveg. Geo. P. casked 10 more cheeses in 2 casks lined with oats- leaving but two of the real late made regular cheeses in the cupboard. Those now in casks were well secured in hay in the upper part of the new barn-W end- Mr.Gibson was conveyed by sleighing to N.Bennington.

SUNDAY,DEC'r 13. Continued mild-on the thawy order-pretty fair apart of the time-cloudy & foggy in the evening-Merc. 20°-29°-37°-22°- gentlemen & ladies as heretofore mentioned went to church from this house- Self & Hopkins, mother & Lydia were at home. except that H drove cutter up & down from H Waters'. H.W. came to visit us in the eveg. talked much in favor of Deac Hinsdill as a merchant. Seth Foster after delivering his opinion very freely on the bargain for cloth at Hinsdill's-in which he presumed we paid 75 cs on the yd too much.rode away with cous Ellen M. Returning,I presume,to Hoosick after attending service.

MONDAY,DEC'R 14. Cloudy mild morning-snowed from about 9 or 10 until noon-toward evening commenced blowing most severely from N.W.. came on the roughest known the present season-not often surpassed in this blowing climate-continued without much mitigation until a late hour at night. Merc. 28°-31°-34°-31°-16°- ten in the eveg. Geo. & Hopkins felled & chopped appletrees. Father went on foot to Mr.T.Davis and took measure for an overcoat. I copied some acct's- crossed over to E. Village- Spoke to Davis about looking up acc'ts, not ready today-would attend to it next week.Sharp wanted no beef. Found out by E D Waters that hind qr.

was worth $4 1/2 pr cwt. S Weeks contracted with me for hind qr at that price. Saw Dr. & William Bates,J N Hinsdill & others among whom might be mentioned old Mr. Witherall-who was wonderfully engaged in conversation with some one respecting some bargain he had made-either long ago or recently- In the Street saw Lucius Beach for whom waited sometime at Davis' on an offer of a.ride in cutter up to the Cong.Meetinghouse,but failed for patience betook myself to the highway on foot-meeting Sam'l H Brown in his cutter-bespoke his iron neck-yoke w which might have at reasonable price. Rode with Isaac Crosett to foot of meetinghouse hill. Rec'd at shoemakers Jones' Mrs Wrisley's boots & one of my own-the former tapped & heeled- sole leather mine-the latter a mere three penny job-demanded & was paid 50 cs in full for both. Spoke with him respecting his suit at court-likely to lose $400 pure money lent to Turner Hills,Aus B & Co-both companies failing within a few months after his lending said money. At F Blackmer's rec'd Spect.of Dec 10- containing Message of P.J. to both H's Congress at noon on Monday-forwarded to N.York by 1 o'clock on Wed,morning-having travelled at the rate of 20 miles an hour. Bo't of my friend 1 quire letter paper faint lined-for which paid 2/o paid charge of 53 taken up by Adeline- Isaac Ripley & S S Scott present- Saw a frightful picture of Indian cruelties comm itted on an unfortunate family early located in Kentucky-Frontispiece to a pamphlet recently published by the aged parent of said family- He being the sole survivor. Came home & in the evening read parts of the Message-as well as a very amusing article on Thanksgivings. Geo ' Hopkins having very snugly stabled & well fed the cows & horses rode up street-bo't 2 sheets blk wadding of Blk'r,pd threrfor 25-Small butcher knife of L P & Co for 12 1/2 paid-Had blacksmithing done at Sam Chandler's- Returned in good season-suffering much from the severity of the weather- which they judged to be far beyond anything previously experienced the pres.season. Mr.John Gibson was carried to his brother-in-law Whitemore's at N.Bennington on Saturday & now this day his family departed for Hinsdillville where they were to enjoy good quarters at a reasonable expense. Rec'd on Saturday tow'd evening a very curious, droll,ironical letter from out much respected friend J A Wight)Dated -Dec 10-at Pittsfield-Ms- No time for saying more of it the pressnt evening.

Let it be recorded that on Saturday settlement was made with G P Harwood for 9 months labor on farm commencing on first of March & ending on the 12th inst by his losing time,which he said amounted to 11 days, but in consideration of the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him at all times & in all circumstances-exacted no more than 9-which had been made up since tye first inst. Of course there was due him (wages $11 pr mo) after substracting $1.83 for trifling items of women's work-$97.17- Gave him note for $90 first of Mar with int-paid balamnee in money.

TUESDAY,DEC'R 15 Very cold morning-pretty severe through to sunset-soon after which grew more mild-commenced snowing-wind arose & by 10 o'clock evening became almost a tempest. A certain black beef cow,bo't of S.Walbridge early in March 1834 was butchered by G.P. assisted by Hopkins. Don't forget the thermometer-standing at sunrise at 4°- P M at 20°-after dark at 24°-. Great part of evening spent looking over Jour'l for 1826 to find an entry respecting the payment of arrearage due Mr.Peters-minister of the Cong.Church in this town from sometime in 1820 to 1825-tow'dits conclusion. All I found was under date of Sept 22,1826, the presentation of the small sum of 88 cs as am't due on tax bill by Deac. Erwin Safford-to whom it was not then paid but full assurance given that it should be & I presume was paid on subsequent day. There is abundance of hotch potch common place trfling stuff in that as well as other Vols.of my Jour'l but I would beg leave to refer an inquirer into the history of the early settlement of Bennington-to an article under the 18th June 1826-containing a few interesting facts. Besides which there are scattered up & down some few others relating to the subject in the same Vol. Perused some paragraphs in Peter P's Almanac- Wrote Jour'l went to bed past 10 at night. Theoph's Marble was here in June & latter part of Aug 1818- came from Natchez,Missisippi Died about two years since- so I was told by capt. S.Harwood of E.Rupert- See Dec 9- & Jour'l for 1818.

WEDNESDAY,DEC'R 16 One of the coldest days ever known in the country-preceded by one of the most tedious nights ever experienced in this Northern clime. There was a tremendous gale blowing from N.W.,snow flying,woods roaring,open gates slam'g,rail fences falling,loose boards rattling & every sort of demonstration of warring elements going on that could be imagined-Wind continued to blow without much cessation thro' the day-Merc. 12°-14°- & 16°- below zero throughout the livelong day 15°- at noon-12° early morning-12° & 13° P.M. highest.

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Kept cattle stabled principally only permitting them to be out long enough to drink if they would many would not. stood shivering-very anxious to return to the stable. Weighed beef-658 lbs-hide & tallow inclusive-which at 4 1/2 cs would am't to $29.61-Geo. & Hopkins distributed beef-Side-296 lbs to John Hicks Esqr-tallow in due proportion inclusive-at 4 1/2 cs- Fore qr.to Mrs Hall without tallow-142 lbs at 4 cs-$5.68 on Cr. Hind qr.132 lbs to Sam'l Weeks-at 4 1/2 pd $5.94 cs in hand- Returned as soon as conveniently could-saw few teams out. All the cheese in the house was deposited in the cellar-every precaution was taken to prevent to keep out Jack Frost,but he would come in at any rate. Father enjoyed himself comforta-

bly reading Old Vermont State Papers. In the evening I perused many excellent things in the Eng. Spect.-afterwards read a considerable part of the Presidents Message deliv'd on the 7th inst to Congress. Sat up late keeping a lively fire in a naturally extremely cold kitchen.

THURSDAY,DEC'R 17 Fair with yellow haze which was thought to portend snow. Most extremely cold-Thermometer standing,before sunrise, at 18°-below zero-gradually arose to 10,-same way of reckoning-not observed to be higher than 3° below at any hour of the day. The instrument had been suspended on the S.W.corner post of the old stoop for a number of days up to nearly noon this day when it was carried to the new barn & placed near the N.E. corner fully exposed to the N.wind-varying from 6° to 8° below o during the warmest part of the day- at night was suspended on the post erected for it Nov.24,1834- mercury sinking down to 10° below-evening. Commenced forming woodpile by getting up a quantity of appletree wood-cut in Little Mead. & S. mead. Geo. self & Hopks thus were chiefly employed. Father was very agreeably amused reading Vermont State Papers-chiefly on the N.Y. claims. Mother not in health. Hopkins early in the evening waited upon his mother & Mrs Wrisley to Betsy's Street on business-say making cloke for the latter lady. Geo.read Pres.Message. I read a full article of the Penny Magazine on the Dreadful Earthquake at Lisbon,Nov 1,1755- when 60,000 people, if my memory serve me aright,were swallowed up,or otherwise lost their lives,besides causing an incalculably destruction of property. Late in the day Mr. E W Hooker made short call on us-complained of being short of hay. John W Pierce came to see me wishing to sell two shotes. told him I did not want them. Hopk's perused Parley's Almanac for 1836-Eveg.

FRIDAY,DEC'R 18 Steadily cold & cldy wind mainly from the E. Merc.8° below Z. afterwards during the day-from 6° to 12° above zero. sunk to 9° in the evening. Appletree wood,ready cut, all got up from S. Meadow. Geo.cuts more P.M. Father attends Friday meeting-reports commence't of awak'g in Street-meetings every evening at Dr.Swift's I accomp'd lady & son to E.Village to get surtout cut at Davis'-could only have him measured-garment to be cut on Monday next. At Voluntine's bo't 8 lbs rolls at 75" paid in full. Elijah Fillmore Esqr present also Gardner Bennett. Spoke to the former respecting his keeping the colt last Spring-not ready for settlement until Mr.Nelson bro't forward his bill- Enquired very particularly into the manner into which we had packed our late made cheese this fall-I told him all ab't it- We came up to L.Patchin & Co's & bo't dry goods,ladies dress &c amounting to $5.61 which was paid down. Lawyer Squires being there a part of the time telling many stories respecting the Canadians-among whom particularly named one lady that got rich merely by selling apples-always carried an exterior denoting poverty.

as he said was customary with the people of that country. David Ruttenbur was also present finishing off shelves in S.W. section of the store. Told me that Ed Savage & himself worked last Winter in Fort Ann, as I took it, among the mountains bordering on Lake George, built a sawmill situated in such a sav - age wilderness that they fairly had to lead a soldier's life, and after all notwithstanding the privations they had thus borne, were very likely to get wronged out of half their pay- by the round-about- the story being too long & complicated to be written here. Cous. Nathan's lady was there (at the store) Went over to N.L's to see if he would pay balance on note--Not ready-wanted time until after first Jany-Granted- Said he was going to make out $100 for some purpose. W.Haswell Esqr solicited my signature to Subscription for repairing meetinghouse, making up arrearages on singing school &c-Said some had calculated on B & H Harwood to sign $15-but, no he told them-might put them down at $10-meeting house not to be altered inside-Old Subscription on which already had subscribed $8 being ~~supposed in his hands~~ suppressed in his hands-null & void- So I signed $10 Had thought of giving $1 towards singing previously so in effect it was only that amount more that I should have to pay on new subscription. Not to be called for until next Summer. Miss P.Thayer promised forthwith to build surtout for father-at $2.75 John Hicks Esqr pr lady rec'd 21 lbs tallow in the rough, on acct. In Sepct. of N.Y. Dec 14-the death of Senator Nathan Smith of N.Haven, Conn't at Washington City-very suddenly-on Saturday the 12th in his 66th year was announced. In the same No. appeared Womack's Letter to the President of the U.S. respecting the Franked Globes sent by his Exe'y to the members of the Legislature of Alabama at their late session-endeavoring to interfere in the Election of U S Senator-also touching upon the like attempt upon the members of Tennessee Legislature. Good-Sir-Good!

SATURDAY, DEC'R 19. Mild, cldy-some wind & snow flying from the E-rained-eveg- (Merc. 19°-30°-32°-) H Waters & family were waited upon by Hopks with horse & cutter on a visit here- the former too lame to work at his trade-wounded or bruised while assisting at the removal of the old David Merchant Store lately occupied by J.Hicks Esqr as a saddler's shop-afterwards sold by him with the place to which it was attached to gen'l Henry Robinson who caused its removal to the opposite side of the Street, whence on the coldest day known for several years- B R Sears removed it on to his own premises, being the lawful possessor of the same. Rode away in cutter with my hon. father, Left at F Blackmer's pot of butter which contained 17 lbs 6 ozs-at 20 cs pr lb- Carried budget of cloth & materials to Miss P.Thayer at her lonely residence in the office built & occupied by the late Sam B Young Esqr. No lack of trimmings excepting 1/2 yd blk cambric & sewing silk. Drove on for Hinsdill's- at Nicholl's bridge-father got out returned to S W

Daniels' where he dined & then footed it to uncle S.Robinson's-making quite a visit- This side Walbridge's Ira & Page Haynes rode with me a few rods-informed me that Anthony Hathaway had recently sold pork to U M Robinson at $6.25" & some other instances of the same kind were added-so it seemed that was the general price. Uncle Steb.W. sold at $7 pr cwt-Went to Hinsdill's-tarried a good while-store as usual pretty full- Saw & conversed with Ira Armstrong Esqr respecting cows,rye,corn &c-corn crop not very good- a part of it yet to husk-not so well off for hay as he was last year. N.Edgerton not present-had not commenced buying pork-had paid of late for rye 5/o lawf. I bo't nothing-only rec'd gratis the lack of goods mentioned above- Not silk,because that was out of their first bill by consent. Saw BenjR Sears who said he had sold his horses which came into his hands by way of Fobes-for $100 in note payable in 1 year,well secured. Harness & waggon yet on hand,but would eat nothing. Said we might have his wood sleigh to use until he

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could get leisure to build a horse sled. Left H's & came to uncle Samuels-The man suffered a good-it was FA - deal,on the great cold day-(Uncle-S) being disabled on account of bad cold-sore side-&c- It was so difficult for him to provide & saw wood for fuel. Saw a number of good books the property of cousin Heman Robinson. Looked at Article Diabetes in Medical Dictionary- Borrowed Moore's Life of Byron which employed me nearly the whole eveg examining his infantile progress-previous to entering Dr.Drury's School-London- Most pleasing indeed. H Waters & family went home about dark.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 20. Cloudy-thawy-chilly S. wind-rained much in the evening-Merc-34°-42°-40°- Father,Geo.P. Mrs W & Mrs H went to meeting. Mr.Read preached A.M.- Mr.Hooker P.M.- Besides attending to ordinary duties at the barn-entered records herein-perused most satisfactorily many pages of Moore's Byron. Sat up late until nearly 11 in the evening writing a letter to Adeline M. of Castleton Seminary.

MONDAY,DEC'R 21. Pleasant-calm-thawy-faint breeze from N-Merc.34°-47°- in fair sunshine-40° in shade-36° evening 1/2 past 7. Sleighing in this section about spoiled. Completed letter to Adeline-sent the same to the office by Geo & Hopkins as they went up Street to get B R Sears' wood sleigh, but it was half an hour too late-N mail was gone. They returned with the dreadful news of the great fire in the Splendid City of New York on the night of the 16th inst. & the following day up to about 12 o'clock at noon- After getting up a small quantity of appletree wood-visited the Street again to make

farther inquiry respecting this great and most calamitous visitation. But was unable to procure a paper having in it a statement of facts. Geo. & Hopks went to E.Village-returned weighing establishment to Doolittle's mill-rec'd an axe fixed over by H.Norton-axe helve bo't of John Sharp at 25" pd-Waited the cutting of Hopks surtout by Davis- I went to L P & Co's store-bo't 6 sks blk sewing silk at 5" paid for the same & left it with our tailoress Miss P.Thayer. Accompanied by Chas Robinson,clerk from N Y. whence would return day after tomorrow. Said the late fire was imputed to foreign incendiaries. Halted at F.Blackmer's-talked politicks & about the Big Fire-present-L.Patchin,S H Blackmer P Dewey & I Ripley & a part of the time S S Scott. Being called for-rode home with the boys-Amused myself reading a few pages of Moore's Byron. Wrote Jour'l- Began letter to J.A.Wight this morning. Father sawed wood-

TUESDAY,DEC'R 22d. Pleas'-sound,but not very cold-
Wind fresh at N-Merc.24°-28°-30 °-
Continued getting wood from Grove chiefly by Geo.& Hopks. Our old neighbors & friends Ethan A.Fay & lady came to pay us a passing visit- They were married in this little neighberhood-June 1801- the former being 22 yrs of age the preceding Jany-Since which had had by his lady who was now in good health retaining her youthful looks remarkably fresh,14 children-of whom only 2 were living-daughters-eldest-married-residing at Ft.Ann-about 30 yrs of age-the other Assistant in some Seminary-not far distant from Albany-teaching languages. On request accomp'd him South- calling on his cousin Elijah Fay-While conversing-Judge L.Norton came in his cutter from E.Village- another old playmate greatly pleased at seeing each other- the latter giving strong invitation to the former to call on him & his brother John in E.Village.which was met by a conditional promise. Drove in haste to the old Wid'd Billings place where he held a short interview with his cousin Sophia B Duncan who was very agreeably surprised on seeing him,& her spirits & voice were wrought upon as the subjects of conversation varied from worldly to spiritual -as the mercury of the thermometer varies by changes in the state of the atmosphere.Both giving evidence of steadfast faith in the cause of the Redeemer of Man- not harboring a doubt af enjoying endless happiness--in the future World. Many persons & affairs were brought up &bdisposed of in a hurry & we were off. Our route S terminated at the old House place where it was expected to find Jonas Billings,but he was not at home. So we came on toward home-making a 2d call at Deac. Elijah's in the course of which reference was had to the death of his father- enquiry being made by E A as to the state of his belief-which was answered by the other that he had a way of his own. Should be mentioned that the funeral procession following the corpse of old Mr.Stephen Pratt was met just this side of F.Billings'-the old gent having di...

on the 22d inst-aged about 85 yrs- Residence on N W Hill-Wstown-Mss-See Oct 25-1834- As we were rising along the old Billings lane our friend, surveying the surrounding scenery, walling to mind as many objects as the eye could comprehend, familiar to him in his youthful days (this was on our way down)- Seeing the old House dwelling-stated that on N.Yrs day-1799-was at the head of the first figure of the first Ball held at that house-that his partner was Miss Eunice Mann- since married to a Mr Parker of her native place-Pownal- That lady was only his dancing partner-Miss Katherine Street being also present-afterwards his partner for life- Tho' this might not have been the first Ball celebrated there-it was certainly first on the like occasion. the building having been erected only the Summer previous-On coming up looking over to the woods on the N.W. section of the Atwood farm-mentioned playing many a Sabbath with -his twin mate-together with "Longworth's boys"-meaning girls of no elevated standing-as well as other real boys of his age- Noah Smith, the Billings'&c- After getting home spent no more time with these good people-but leaving them to sup & depart to their brother-in-laws U.Edgerton's-assisted the boys in getting 2 lds wood. Evening finished letter to our friend J A Wight-who by this time probably had become impatient to have a reply to his last Dated Pittsfield Dec 10- Full of wit-amusing indeed- The reply was dry lean-insipid. At Mrs S.Duncan's saw her black girl Nancy Case-sitting in rocking chair-sick.

WED. DEC. 23. Fair again-Wd N. Merc.23°-12° dark 18°- Chilly-employ'd getting wood. Letter to Wight left at Root's for S.Stage. Hopks carried cloth to Miss P.Thayer to be made up into Surtout. A L D Whipple makes a hasty call early in the evening accompanied by a yoing scholar whom he introduced to us as (young) Mr.Riley of Troy, N.Y.- Soon going to Albany-his cousin Charlotte he supposed would accompany him on his return, to attend Mr.Ballard School. Evening devoted mostly to examination of Mr Byron-Goes to Portugal, Spain, & Malta-Summer of 1809- A singular man of low, circumstances of talkative habit-turn, called here- had horse baited-dined-said his cousin Simpson of Galloway-great tavern keeper & otherwise driving much business-had sustained in the article of beef a loss of $10,000-at the late fire in N.Y Rec'd notice that on the morrow Mr.A Sherwood would butcher hogs-pr Lionel S. his Neph'w -Rec'd same errand by G.Robinson by way of Drug Edgerton who called at Hiram Waters'.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 24 Very cold morning-but there were signs of storm-Chilling Wd.S. Mercury 10°-morning 28° noon-28° eveg- Got 1 ld wood carried bhl corn to mill & had it ground- 52 1/4 lbs butter to D Robinson Jun-self not present- Bo't of A Sherwood 692 lbs pork.

of excellent quality for $6.75 paid on the spot- Bost a little time in seeing Benj. R Sears who with Ed'w Savage & others were engaged in building water wheel. Trying to accomodate the former in bringing to his house on of the fat hogs delivered by Mr.Sherwood at Hinsdill's,but it finally became so late that he would not plague me with it. Savage said he should get pay for building sawmill in Fort Ann. See Dec. 18. Meeting capt.L.Sherwood a few rods N of Mr Gale's-held some very friendly conversation with him on various topics. Wanted I should visit him which I promised to endeavor to do. Recovered lost silk hkf at Mr.S's accidentally forgotten there. Bo't of S H insdill-20 lbscotton batts-at o/9 & 2 lbs h.s.tea at 42"-paid for the same $3.34 Forgot to call on N.Edgerton for note against N.L. Robinson for $50. on which were endorsements nearly to the am't which handed him when on my way to Mr. Sherwood's-being in the Deac.'s office for the purpose of casting interest. Arrived here after dark. Geo. dissected pork in the evening. Spent a part of the eveg readg.Sepct respecting the Great Fire at N.Y.

FRIDAY,DEC'R 25. Moderately thawy-rained much during the day- There had been a light fall of snow during night. Merc.32°-25°-or say 36°-34°-38°-. Geo.P. salted pork & along with father attended meeting(Friday). Wrote bills of Acc'ts for H Waters-that against S.Hinsdill being $745.40! Another against Jo.Ogden-Dr & Cr-and a third against Hiram Blackmer-Tot'l $990. Mr.Ford cleaned clock for Hiram Waters- for which rec'd payment 50 cs- likewise regulated outs & rec'd like wages. In the eveg accomp'd by H.Waters paid a passing notice to the decorations of meeting house by Episcopalians-many people present to join in exercises about to commence. Gem'l R. H. Robinson being there to play Bassviol. At Sanf'd & B's bo't 1 lb saltpetre-1/o-1 stick s.g wax o/9- & for wafers o/3-Tot-2/o- Paid to H.V.D.Spiegle. Seeing at F.Blackmer's J.Brooks-conversed awhile with him on prices of provisions &c- After getting home,having written for W's until 8 eveg,enjoyed very well a short time reading Moore's Byron.

SATURDAY,DEC'R 26. Thaw continued-clouds low-much fog- good deal of rain-Snow mostly off- roads muddy-wind- turned round W. at night- commenced growing colder- Merc.42°-36°-38°-Sent for Geo. & H. to deac. Winslow's old two horse waggon of 1812 to be thoroughly repaired.Having reference however to the value of the property in the am't of those repairs. G. ground new axe on grindstone propelled by water-paying o/9 for the(same-) privilege. Late in the morning after calling on Betsy Street & her mother with trifling errand from Mrs W. Wrote bills for H.Waters as on the preceding day-Got along more slowly on acc't of H's being employed on wood rack for Dr.N.Swift. The Dr.said

V.Buren had lost Pennsylvania for good-Spent short time early in the eveg at Sanf'd & B's & Co-talking of early settle'mt of Spaniards in America with Dr. H.Swift. Bo't small articles to am't of o/9-Paid. Mr.Hale one of the hands of H.Waters came home from Deac.Hinsdill's-said it was currently reported that in consequence of the late Fire the Deac.would fail. He was absent-nobody knew where. H.W. gave no credit to it in the least. Mr.H said a subscription was got up for the benefit of Mr.Gibson-the sick man late of our neighbor'hd. Quarter past 7 evening left H.W. Very muddy travelling coming home-Remainder of the evening spent very agreeably reading Byron-swimming the Hellespont &c &c.

SUNDAY,DEC'R 27. Rough wind-N.W.squally-snow flying- Merc.32°-28°-30°-22°-

Father,Geo.P, Mrs Wrisley & wife went to meeting-Preaching by Mr.Reed. A billet in pencil mark,from Adeline in great haste by Dan'l & Albert Robinson, dated,yesterday,was rec'd- In good health-could not descend to particulars-had to attend prayers,long Lecture;when at leisure would write more fully. Had only 1 hour for this she penciled-Mentioned dining on hash-Instructed us to take special care of Dog & Cats- Mr.Phillip Wrisley favored us with his compg twice this day.

MONDAY,DEC. 28 Some degree of storm without gain in quantity of snow,excepting a very trifling coat of feather-like substance which descended from the regions above-Cldy-wind being S. in the early part-tow'd sunset N- Pretty soundly cold- Merc.14°- Eveg. 23 1/2°-22°-

Geo.,Hopks & self-employed in chopping wood,sled length in the Grove- Father sawing-stove length at home. Spent the eveg reading N.Y.Spect of Dec.24-detailing particulars of Public Meetings in that City & at Phila'a- some doings at Washington respecting the late Conflagration &c- There were some precious remarks on the President's Mess,at the beginning of the Session of C-which laid bare the folly of endeavoring to introduce a Specie Currency. Only introduced for electioneering purposes-as may easily be seen. Devoured some few pages of Moore's Byron-rendered more interesting because the author had then recently 1811 Dec- formed an acquaintaince with his noble Hero B's Letters certainly do out-do any I ever met with for natural careless ease. Mother being taken seriously ill early in the eveg-Hopks went to Sanf'd B. &Co's for Castor Oil-of which procured & pd. for 2 oz-She,however,late in the eveg-grew easier without application of said medicine. Geo.retired to bed complaining of bad cold. H.Waters & Mr.Root on horse-back visted the woodland of the former-P.M.

OnFriday morning-25th I.B.Dewey called upon us-having ridden on horseback many miles within a few hours past to serve his ffiemd Warren Pierce-looking up a certain witness in a cause between him & E. Montague- which was that day to be bro't before auditors for final trial at the office of J.S.Robinson Esqr-who was one of those auditors. Hurd-the Meth's

Preacher-was the witness- found if I mistake not in S.Williamstown- Our cous. started from Schuylerville on the chase.whence he returned late in the day-ot took the road for it.

TUESDAY,DEC .29 Fresh,searching S. wind-roads some icy mostly stripp'd of sleighing-though many of the runnered vehicles were seen in use. ground firmly frozen- Mercury in the morning stood at 28°-or 30°-34°- at sunset-Some stormy at night- Chopping as performed on Saturday was continued-Sawing also by the same hand- Hopkins was sent for Dr. H.Swift this morning to visit his Gr'd Mother. Came down accord'gly- With Hopkins rode off for Hinsdill's-leaving pot of butter at F.Blackmer's by the way- seeing & conversing with uncle S.Robinson a few moments-finding him a great admirer of Byron- At H's got Jackson engaged to build a pair of rough overshoes for Hopks- at $1 for the mere work,which when finished would forward to one of three places named in Bennington (Central) Street-Paid him in advance- At the store recovered my note left with N.Edgerton on the (26) 24th -he had not done what I requested at the time,but said he would if I would wait,as he was then,or now,if you please,busy settling acc's with a Mr.Loomis of Shaftsbury-in which there appeared to be a want of explicit understanding between the parties. This business,as of course all such is usually done,was transacted or being transacted in "The OFfice" Didn't wait- came out into the

store where enquiry was made of the Clerks how they sold several small articles-such as I had purchased at another store a short time since-for the sake of comparing prices,which were finally a little more favorable at H's than att the other- Though to be sure after buying a slender kind of penknife-well recommended-lowered from 3/6 to 3/o-that being the least they would take- Didn't feel as if there was cause for very favorable judgment. Indeed these clerks & merchants do ride their unwary customers clear to the backbone o on sale of small articles. Saw Dem's Robinson & others of my acquaintance there. Came home by new road up Bank Hill. On our way out had rec'd N.Y.State Jour'l published at Troy,N.Y.of Dec 23-pr Presho-Call was made at Miss Thayer's-no garment finished-Would be by Saturday next- At F.Blackmer's-whole am't of butter deliv'd now & on the 19th was 42 lbs 11 ozs which at 20cs would come to $8.54 cs. My entry on the 19th was slightly incorrect-should have been 17 lb 13 oz- Saw Capt.A Hyde & S H.Blackmer. The latter giving it down hotly respecting Gardner Barton Esqr of Shaftsbury as being a most incompetent incumbent of the office of J. of the Peace which he formerly held Never had an opinion of his own- Abilities very small-Raised to the station merely by the force of possession of a small property which by a straighforward course of economy exercising all the little powers of

mind with which he was blessed to that end, he had thus obtained,when another man of genious would have accomplished as much in a forenoon &c- Came & as usual drove a-head in M's Byron. Mrs Harwood ,on a late day-Saturday or Monday,paid $2 for a paid of silver mounted spectacles which she bo't some few days since of Mr-or it may be proper to say weeks since. Mr. peddlar Shepper'dsn made a fruitless call this day.we bought nothing.

WED.DEC.30. Mild,moderate,cldy-fog on mountains-clouds thick & low during A M. more thin this P.M. Merc. 32°-36°-32°- Thawed but slightly- Sleighing hardly worthy the name- Same business again-besides two light lds wood taken home by Hopkins. Father came up in inspect proceedings-found no fault-Gave directions about cutting walnut timber-returned home & was ill in the eveg. At sound of dinner horn I fled the bush to obey the call which was occasioned by a visit from our friend S.W. Daniels to enquire whether I would employ him & team in transportation of plaster from Troy ? Replied affirmatively & thereupon agreed to pay him $3.75" pr ton on delivery here. Would have 2 tons at any rate & perhaps more. Put in his hands a ten dollar bill as purchase money. As much sociability as usual prevailed. His tarry was short. Mrs Kent was spinning here on her own acct. With Mrs H who had prepared 20 1/2 lbs butter to be sold to J.S.Robinson Esqr. rode in wagg up street. Halted at H.Waters' rec'd instructions what stuff to purchase to repairing cloke for my hon'd father-proceeded to deliver butter & transact business at the store of L.P.& Co- Bill of $11.55 Dry Goods taken up & cashed-which under proper date is copied in Day B for inspection- D.Ruttenbur was employed on window shutters to counting room. Mr. Patchin took me all over his valuable store from cellar to garret. All as it should be-not omitting the fine large wheel for raising & lowering every species of goods brought in or carried away. Saw D. Robinson Jun who offered a check on Bank for butter-but declined the offer-telling him I should see him again or something of that import. Kin Parsons came in-bespoke him-all well at Hoosick. Rec'd in the most friendly & handsome style-payment for 20 1/2 lbs butter according to previous agreement at 22 cs of John S Robinson $4.49"-See At F.Blackmer's rec'd payment in full for 42 lbs 11 oz butter $ 8.53-Paid him $2 for use of Spect one year-ending first of Jany next -Present S S Scott dealing out letter paper to a young fellow that I took to be a scholar. Let me enumerate youths whom I saw up the hill- First,young Sheldon of Rupert,Invited him to come down with his friend Ebenezer Moore-Said he would- Second,Cous. H H Robinson at L P & Co'S-mentioned borrowing Moore's B-approved-would visit us in the bargain-Third Dan Robinson who told me about his calling on my daughter at Cas.Seminary- She was in fine spirits-wanted to know if I were not going to continue her there longer than the present quarter ? After a little dry hesita-

tion gave him a negative answer-feeling that it was not necessary to be storing up a great supply of Female Education. The last interview was had near JS big double gate. Made a 2d call at H.Waters'-sisters both employed on father's cloke. H.Waters gone to bed with sore leg inw which,by stirring hither & thither too much-even to deac.H's- had taken cold. Went through with a very pleasant settlement with Benj.R Sears whose whole acct amt'd $44.25 against which I brought $4.89 leaving balance in his favor $39.36-which was paid in full-books balanced. See Jany 16-1835. On our first going to H.Waters' this P.M. & being through with business for that time-just as my lady came out to take seat in waggon-neighbor Brooks -bound homeward-very facetiously & politely halted long enough to hand her in in elegant style-exchanged some few jokes and passed on. Mrs Eliza K.Warren likewise honored us with her company-P.M. a litt.while.

THURSDAY,DEC 'R 31st. Dry N.W.wind-blowing steadily-with bricken clds- Cold, rather severe. Merc.20°-25°- just after the sun retired over the back of Anthony-21° sunset-17°-eveg. Business the same- Too cold for Hopks-who went up thinking to chop,but retreated soon,joining his grandsire at sawing wood. The evening was passed as heretofore-reading Letters of B. Mothers health slowly improved- Mrs W's was far from being good. Our sto ck consisted at this date of 30 head cows-of which 3 were beeves,& 2 horse kind. Commenced stabling & feeding on hay Nov 23d-Of course it will be understood the horses were thus kept some days or weeks earlier. Hay remaining in the new barn estimated at 7 tons-located on N & W (sec) sections-None aloft over the E part of the floor-Cornstalks used up-Quantity of hay deposited in the old,barn nearly entire. Pretty clever supply of oat straw & potatoes enough. Stock in fine condition. Roads never more smooth than at present for wheeling- Icy in some difficult spots, bad for horses smooth shod-and none could travel long without becoming so.

FRIDAY,JANY 1st 1836. Moderate ,sound Winter weather-Cloudy-nearly to a degree of darkness tow'd night. Merc. 17°-27°-26°-. Crossed Lots to Loomis' & paid friend Samuel $1.19 3/4 in full for teaming. Conversed a mom't with the old gentleman respecting his age (82 in Nov last) & the old French War of 1755. some incidents connected with which,towards its close,he could recollect. Taking the E.road to E.Village-made next call at the house of Lyman Strong,formerly the residence of Willard Green Jr and more anciently that of capt.Nathan Lawrence,who lost his life in the summer of 1794 by the kick of a horse. Mrs. S was alone with her two little ones. Said her husband was gone to the Village to getting horses shod. Her maiden name was Montague-daughter of our old neighbor of that name-mentioned often in my Journal 1811,12,13 & not much after 14-The family landed in our neighborhood-April 1808-at

which time this lady was very young-Christian name being Hannah-Lost her good mother-July 1813.
The reason why I called on Mr.S at this time may be gathered from the events of May 20-which see-

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Continued my route to the Village-entered the B Room of S. Weeks-People numerously assembled on account of a shooting match-the prize being the beef of an ox-Particulars I can't give- Saw & settled in full with Elijah Fillmore Esqr,for keeping colt,as may be learnt from Seeing June 11. Paid him $5. and drank some beer with him. Saw my old friend John Norton. Henry Warren paid me 12 1/2 cs half for cider had and half for the same in advance. Going out among- to the crowd gathered round the shooting ground-saw the axle & wheels of a hand cart which Jon.Pratt said he would sell low, but was in such haste that he could not name his terms. In said crowd saw among others that I could name AP. Lyman Esqr- L.Jewett,Steph Rice-of Militia 1812- Ben Greenslit,Jul's Norton, Jac.Lyon,Aaron Norton &c. Called on & made quick settlement of accts with Henry Norton whose charges of work in his line amounted to $9.34 cs. Bro't against it for 15 3/4 lbs cheese $1.34 leaving in his favor $8.00 which I cheerfully paid. He afterwards was with me in viewing the property just named & from the best estimate we could make supposed it worth $5 or $6. Was again with J.Norton who told me that E.A.Fay called on him as was promised to Judge Luman on the 22d ult-Very agreeable-fond of talking of the incidents of his boyish days-many of which were fresh in the memory of both parties. So much did F. dive into this subject that friend J. thought, as he did not recollect hearing the contrary that he was not a professor of Religion. I however, put him a-right on that. A few old anecdotes,which now as in our boyish- youthful days,convulsed us with laughter were harrowed up & we parted. I made my first call,which in due order should have been first mentioned,at T.Davis' the tailor-to make settlement, but he was not ready. Ascending Meeting hill met & joked W.S.Southworth Esqr,slightly on Celibacy & Matrimony. Had seen at Shootg M. J.Hicks Esqr with whom proposed settlem't of accs-but he was not on the sod. Called at H.Waters' Wanted $20 in money which told hi, he could have. Marched home-found waggon ready harnessed for visit at B.R.Sears'- thither rode with wife & son-wnjoyed an excellent visit-besides letting H Waters have his money. Also rec'd from J.C.Presho Troy,N.Y. a friendly letter of this date-enclosing $20 due on note- Marked paid ,double postage & after all Kellogg was dissatisfied & vainly ached to break it open which I did not permit him to do-telling him it was from an honest man who,if he had wronged "Uncle Sam" Mr.K. must not think it was putting money into the pocket of a wealthy man. At this visit we were treated with walnuts & good cider. I played the flute aome-present Sam D.Judd & C.F.Sears- The former re-

lated particulars of a case of fraud recently pàaye d off on the Champlain Canal against a host of workmen & laborers like himself by which the villainous agent pocketed about $5000. S.L.Fay came down from the shop toward the conclusion of the evening & joined the company. On coming home between 9 & 10 brought wit h us wheelbarrow from H.Waters'- Wrote reply to J.C. Presho,acknowldging rec't of money,making friendly professions & informing him that Adeline was at Castleton Seminary-

SATURDAY,JANY 2d. Little variation of weather,, cldy-some signs of storm-no grt agitation in the atmosphere-wind W.early in the eveg- Merc.34°-35°-24°- Ratherlate in the evening went to H.Waters' to add accs & write names of subscribers to Fire Subscriptions in a book solely appropriated to that use-prefaced with a brief account of the destruction of his buildings by the Devouring Element- Mar.27,1834- See Jour of that date- Examined acct w with Hinsdill's store of 20 short pages comprising articles to amt of upwards of $500 in which discovered few mistakes. Recorded about 94 names in the book just mentioned who had actually paid in money,lumber &c over the sum of $500. Against every name was the sum paid. At F.Blackmer's in the morning bo't of a pedlar-a pair of Deerskin Moccasins at his price by the doz $1.25 paid in hand. The selection was made by friend B.from his whole package and,with a trifling exception,pronounced by him altogether the best in the lot- Gov.Tichenor also bo't a pair- Left him telling stories of the wonderful prowess of the Riflemen of Gen'l Morgan-instances of which occurred often in camp- These stories were addressed to Capt. Pliny Dewey & others. Went to the Post Office & deposited letter to Presho. Saw among the books on the table of Ed.H.Chapin an old Eng Edition of the History of the Council of Trent-published in 1715 as entered somewhere on the margin in some one's handwriting.Most of the Title Page having been torn out. Hiram Waters spent the early part of the day in the service of Deac.S.Hinsdill who was rather indignant at the recent report of his failure. On ground lately purchased of Ed'w M.Welling,having the County Surveyor,J.N.Hinsdill,with him,plotted for a store at N.Bennington of large dimensions which he contemplated building with all possible despatch. H.W. assisted at surveying said ground. Came home accompanied by Sam D.Judd with whom made settlement-paid off in full & passed receipts. Isaac Judd Jun.called P.M. wearing most savage looking whiskers. It was planned between them that he should transport his cousin SD. some 20 miles on his way home on the morrow. I once more visited the Post Office expecting to rec a letter from Adeline-but no-she was not up to it. Halted a while at F.Blackmer's where were old Mr.Chandler, Sam Chandler,Capt.P P Dewey,capt.A.Hyde,A.D.Robinson, Jac Brooks,H.Waters & others conversing on various topics including the evil report respecting Deac. Hinsdill who in fact was said never to have been on so good a foundation in his whole life before as at the present time.

The propagation of said Report was condemned in toto- After a long evening's work at H.W's, played the flute for the amusement of the people of the house, John & Geo Robinson inclusive & came home. Geo. & Hopkins out oats with horses- As to pecuniary circumstances without descending to particulars-might safely say that all demands against the establishment on the first inst, could have been fully met & perhaps a small sum, & it would have been small, might have remained in the locker.

SUNDAY, JANY 3d Little variation in the weather- perhaps a few degrees colder than on Saturday- Cloudy & hazy-Very pleas't morn- light hazy eveg. Merc. 22°-27°-24°-15°- Eveg. Mother, Lydia, Hopks, myself & the little boy of Mrs Wrisley were the only person absent from church. It should have been noticed on the first inst that there was a Church Fast- Members of that body assembled in the meeting house-heard a sermon from Mr. Hooker &c-Father & Geo.P. attended. This evening our family including myself- mostly gave attendance at a small meeting held at Judge L. Norton's where Mr. Hooker presided in person delivering a grave & impressive Discourse from the words of St. Paul In which he pointed out to such persons as Abraham, David & Paul as true examples of piety though they possessed very great faults in their several characters. Went through with a brief Biographical account of the latter concerning his conversion &c &c- Drawing the inference that all unconverted persons, by use of proper means could, in a measure, become as St. Paul was. Judge N. took special pains to accomodate his friends & neighbors attending. Came home-spent the eveg. principally in writing.

MONDAY, JANY 4. Southern storm-beginning with snow, afterwards, snow, hail & rain & finally bringing up the rear with pure rain. Merc. 29°-30°-34 late evening. B.R. Sears & his journeyman Mather worked at building horse sled. Late in the

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Morning went to H. Waters' Wrote out nearly all his fire records-could not finish them because he was off on Mt. Anthony assisting Billington in getting out wood, off his Lot-in spite of all his friends could say to the contrary-they fearing he would take cold in his sore leg. Amount of his subscriptions and donations, as near as I could discover, was something over $800- We mean such as were realized. Spent some little time at J. Hicks' shop & at the store of Sanford B & Co. At the former the boss was on the Bench of Justice. at the latter looked at books and heard Mr S & Mr. Isham tell their complaints of woe from want of good health-in which they were joined by A.D. Robinson who said he had not known what it was to be perfectly well for 25 years- His trouble originated from a most violent kick of a horse in the breast when a boy of about 13 or 14 yrs old. While at H.W's was

called on by S.W.Daniels-who on Saturday delivered 1800 plaster in 3 tierces-The former at $8 pr ton-the latter at 75 cs- without,as heretofore,granting the privilege of returning them. He expected to find these empty near Waters' ready for another load,but it was not so,because I had forgotten the day he set. So he had to ride to our house for the same, & bags besides- that he might leave said tierces & have the money refunded. If they should refuse to do that then ,after telling them I was a customer using annually 3 tons plaster,to quit them entirely,if they should set so small a value on such a man's trade. Furnished him with another $10 bill. Got home at dark-Met H.W. & Billington taking home a small jag of wood. The carpenters continued working till the usual hour of evening- Sears went home- M.Lodges here. Iwwas much delighted- Reading Lord Byron's Journal-1813-14 &c

TUESDAY,JANY 5. Gloomy,cldy,thawy-wind rather more S.E. than any way Some part of the time-no storm-then rainy-eveg-snowed as if for sleighing- ceased however by 9 o'clock-Merc.34°-36°34° Took off beard,having previously counselled with BSqr Sears,father & G.P. respecting the to ng & wooden shoes of the new sled,of which the carpenter work was completed by a little past noon- Went to S.Pratt's-paid $3 for lumber-bo't Feb 24,1835-to his wife-afterwards to his son Edward-80 cs more in full for sawing 400 feet basswood 1/2 inch boards an item not booked. He gave credit & balanced acc's on the other concern. Shewed some very handsome rye-for which had been ofer'd 90 cs-to take all they would sell which they estimated at nearly 400 bhls-asked 96 cs. Came home to dinner- Spent P.M. mostly copying accounts ready for settlement. Perused Byron again in the evening-Wint. & Spring of 1814. Hopkins was sent off with sled to Chandler's to be ironed. Father paid visit to Wrisley at T.S.Kent's-Wright's,Root's & Brown's. Mrs W. went to see her old man who was bled & blistered by doctor Bates. Saw E.Knapp threshing rye for Pratt. Married on Sunday last at Wager's-Mr.Nathaniel Brown to Miss Laura Thorp-both of Bennington & in the employment of S.H.Brown. Be it recorded that Sebastian Wager was the person who tied the knot-being a Justice of the Peace in Pow'l-

WEDNESDAY,JANY 6. Continued quite mild-cldy-some leaning to stormy. Wind mainly from E to S E- N.E. or somewhere. Merc.26°-30°-28°- Boys were off early to Deac.Winslow's,E.Village,getting horses shod & were at the burning of Joel Valentine's Esqr's Wooll'n Factory which happened about 7 o'clock A.M. Supposed to have originated in the third- second story where Monroe & Godfrey's establishment was located for manufacturing cotton batts. After they returned-getting wood was the order of day. Paid to O.Day,acting agent of Charles G.Coffin,bringing line to that effect-thirty two dollars & fifty cents-principal due for stove,O Green's Patent,bought Feb 11-1835. Reserved interest on account of cracked plate. He wrote he would make it all right. The afore-

sd gentleman came in great haste tow'd night-
soon off- Mrs Harwood & Mrs Wrisley paid evening
visit to the lady of Elihu Wright. After getting home-
the latter had a severe attack of tooth ache. Perused
Moore's Byron until late eve-Concluded with an old
Eng book of 1755 about London &c-then Morse's E.
Gazette & then Penny Magazine-Art-Earl Shaftsbury-

THURSDAY JANY 7. Yet more of our gloomy cldy
S.E. weather-very chilly Wd-
Merc. 26°-27°- Rec'd payment in full of Lyman Strong-
25 cs- Pursued the business of the ~~26th~~ 6th. Hopkins
absent long enough to get pantaloons cut at Davis'
Algiers. S.W.Daniels' delivered twenty two hundd
plaster bo't of Vail & Hayner Troy,N.Y. at $7. Kept
tierces- Rundell & his partner refusing to take them
again or to take less than $8 pr T.for Plast. Paid
him,Daniels,for transportation up to the present time.
gave him $7 & bags for buying & bringing in another
ton-transportation to run awhile. His lady & child
he brought with him-making a pleasant visit-Both
accounted pretty. An old gentleman put up with us by
the name of Randall-quite out of health,full of
cough & asthma & what not-called for "Contradiction"
that is sweetn'd water-soured with vinegar- He had a
poor old horse & pretty decent sort of every day waggon
Ira B.Dewey came from Schuylerville N.Y.-on horseback
no-in cutter-paid me $8 borrowed by him Oct 6-Tarried
with us over night. Half past 9 arrived from Pitts-
field in bad health our esteemed friend J.A.Wight-
waited upon hither by his friend-McKay-in sleigh drawn
by span of horses. In spite of all looked in Moore's
Life of Byron-About the time of his marriage.

FRIDAY JANY 8 Another E'n day-cldy-gloomy-
wind high about sunset-Merc.26°
34°-29°- Same employment-number of loads the same-
that is-7- Richard Carpenter had a man & team getting
home wood. Cal Fay also was in the same business from
his father's woods,but not for Carpenter. Our pious
friend Mr.R. after breakfast & prayers and some nec-
essary delay took his departure. Mr.McKay,leaving
Mr. W.with us,left for Pittsfield. Mr.W. remained
through the day considerably indisposed. I B D off
on business-his beast being permitted to rest-Came
home at night offering to sell "Revolutions in Europe"
for $1.50 in money. Continued reading Byron after
his marriage to Miss Millbanke Jan 2 1815- B. was
an admirer of Napoleon.

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SATURDAY,JANY 9. Remained much as it had been
in regard to weather for a num-
ber of days past up to about 3 P.M. when snow commenc-
ed falling pretty plentifully-Merc.26°-30°- most of
the day-Geo. & Hopkins completed getting wood for the
present in 2 lds for this day. Cleaned up a small lot
of oats-say 8 bhls-Father very industriously attended
to moving & piling wood under the shed for future use-
Mr.Wight took an emetic which operated powerfully-
had Dr.H.Swift to him-He enjoyed some conversation

with him on books &c- After due preparation-beard off of course-rode to town-Left word for Dr.S.to see W.Collected $7.22 in full of Mrs Hiland Hall for beef-to whom engaged another fore Qr-at market price-Called at F.Blackmer's-Afterwards at John Hicks's Esqr-shop- made settlement in full my acct being $5037 (Being)33" larger than his-which he balanced by paying the money in hand- Our dealing commenced about the 15th Aug- See Day Book for items. Rec'd letter at Post Office from A.M.H.,Castleton- From David Robinson Jun rec'd at the Bank $10.45-payment in full for 52 1/4 lbs butter-deliv'd Dec'r 24- Some observations were made by the Cashier in relation to my Diary ina kind of ironical way-as if I would write what no man of sense would permit himself to write there-Told David that his butter during the whole period of our dealing would only average 1/o pr lb-as in 1824 he had it at 14 cs- Next made settlement with N.L.Robinson-who paid on note $4.85-money- & in goods for apples-2 balls Cott wickg. 35 cs-both being in full on those branches of deal. There were Mrs Montague,Mrs Fobes I suppose & Miss Rachel Montague on a feminine visit. Bo't of L.Patchin & Co 2 yds unbleached Cott sheeting at 14 cs & a ball Cott.wicking-16 cs-Tot 44 cs pd. Made frequent enquiry respecting price of rye-heard of one man who had almost said he would sell at 87 1/2. Halted at Dr.H.Swifts'-Edward & lady doing well at St.Augustine E.Florida-Asked him if he had any account against me- Said yes-but did not care about settling. Borrowed 22d Vol Cyclopedia & started tow'd home- Talked first with J.V.D. McEowen & then with E Fillmore Esqr about purchasing rye-the former required 90 cs at his house-the latter asked the same price,but was not so tenacious on the point of delivery- requested me to come & see his rye which agreed I would on Monday next. Taking Spec. papers from F.Blackmer's & Hopks overshoes from H Waters' came home & tranquilly enjoyed the evening principally reading Historic'l Sketches of London in Cyclopedia. Henry Parsons from Hoosick N.Y. in 2 horse sleigh tarried the night with us-had been to Grover's Furnace & procured castings of his newly improved Diving Stove. Exhibited his pattern which appeared to have been got up with no small ingenuity-the plan really promised much. Late in the evening Adeline's letter,which was rather singularly sealed with an impress-containing the words "Good Night" & some other word or words which could not be made out, was opened & read in prrsence of Mrs H,cousin Henry & myself. From which it appears she liked well-wrote very favorably of the Principal & his lady & agents & every one with whom she had become acquainted. Was watching with a sick girl from Cornish,N.Hampshire-Suffered much from want of sleep-Very anxious to get letter from home &c &c- Said letter was dated Jan 4.

SUNDAY,JANY 10. No small accumulation of snow which kept falling with few intervals nearly all day from N.E.- Merc.22°-29°-26°-Storm not very tedious. Bad weather kept most of the

people of this mansion away from church. Geo. only attending after noon by riding with cousin Henry who started for home by way of Algiers a little past 12 at M. Day nearly used up by writing letter to A.M. Harwood -contents not very important-main facts may be gathered from preceding pages- Mr.Wight getting better. Besides executing the said letter perused a part of Article "Luther" in Cyclopedia-also a few pages of C History introductory to the period of Leo Tenth. Being employed in writing the concluding part of the afores'd letter dropp'd a large blot on the sheet.

MONDAY, JANY 11. Cloudy-chilly-searching wind mostly W-cold rather on the increase, tho' the mercury stood very nearly at what it had for a number of days past-ranging from 28° to 30°-snow thaw'd- Letter to Adeline sent to P.Office very early-postage unpaid-for the reasons-the first being that Hopkins felt in too much haste after being ready to go, to come where I was to gwt money-the 2d-was that we knew she could pay it-being provided with some pocket lucre-and, even if we had sent it (the stuff) the Post Office folks were not up to receive it. After the return of sd boy-domestic concerns being left to the care of our father-Sleigh & horses & tierce of corn in the ear all ready, Geo.Hopks, J.A.Wight & self were seated-rode to H.Waters'-left J A W-attended to errands about the Street-bargaining to Henry Kellogg Esqr hind qr beef to be butchered last week in Jany-Drove to Love's-saw E.Montague, D.Robinson Jun., D. Clark, D.Love &c- Kept on to Walbridge's-left corn to be ground-then to B.W.Jackson's-to whom paid in advance 62 1/2 cs to attach bottoms to moccasins-sole leather at my expense exclusive. Bo't 1 lb tea of S Hinsdill at 75 cs paid. Saw N.Edgerton Esqr, Butcher Peck &c. Of the latter enquired price of beef-but rec'd no very definite reply- Bargained two hind qrs beef to S Hinsdill pr N.Edgerton at $5. to be deliv'd the same as H's. Came back to grist mill-waited & rec'd cobmeal-then by circuitous route landed ourselves at the house of E.Fillmore Esqr-warmed by an old V.D.Spiegle stove- Saw old Mrs Rudd, Gr't aunt of Esqr F. aged 91 years-intellects good-health likewise. Saw also his lady & another female -as also James Story. Viewed rye-very fair-the gentleman by request weighed half a bushel which came up to 28 3/4 lbs- Price 90 cs- Made no contract- Shewed a large bin of buckwheat-proposed to have me buy some to see if it would not do to feed cows to cause them to give an increased quantity of milk-but his price being 62 1/2 cs (pr bhl) there was no inducement offered for trying the experiment. Came to the Courthouse by way of Henry & Hiram Scott's-Called at Ethan Armstrong saw no one empowered to make bargains-saw good rye of which understood they could sell about 50 bhls & would ask 87 1/2 cs. Hopkins gets surtout of Miss Thayer which she had recently finished. I saw D.Love who seemed sanguine in the expectation of buying rye enough at 87 1/2 cs-being employed as agent to purchase for Isaac Weeks. Had some minor business with

C S Pool. Forbes began to question respecting cows-
Took our way for home. Ben.Sears told us he wanted
his sleigh which in the eveg was landed at Chandler's
& our wood shod sled,after some additional ironing
was brought home. In the course of the evening finished reading first V.of Moore's Byron- Leave's Eng.
for the Continent-Apl 25-1816. Wight came home with
us. Mrs Kent came overlate in the day-reported Mr.W
to be in bad health. Father fell on the floor,which
was wet,soles of his boots snowy,& bruised his right
hip.

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Cloudy- foggy on mountains-a
part of the day there was falling fine misty snow which beyond a certain elevation
froze on to trees & caused them to appear white-Wind
apparently brisk from N. Merc.32°-34°-

Fatherlame & unable to work- Geo.chops & saws
wood. Hopks busy about what he likes. I was off seeing people interested in purchasing rye. At Doolittle's
mill they had bo't at 90 cs & a small lot at 72- Retailed at $1. Saw Cous.Stephen Harwood. Came up town.
I must correct my statement for the latter part of
the 11th which was minuted on a scrap of paper as usual & suffered to remain over to a subsequent day-
when-instead of merely entering that old Mr.Love
mentioned that the price of rye was 87 1/2 cs-wrote
what would have been proper to have inserted here.
Saw Mr. Abisha Kinsley near & afterwards in L Patchin's
store-very anxious to sell his rye,but I did not feel
myself warranted in giving more than 87 1/2 cs-he
asked 90. In the store there were L.Patchin,S Scott
Sen,capt.Hyde & of course conversation was lively-
anecdotes,Politicks,Morals & what not. S.Scott-let
off loudly & hotly against the wealthy-who in 99 out
of 100 cases-in some shape or other oppressed the
poor- Glad to hear of a quarrel amongst the stockholders of Ben.Bank Bo't & paid 20 cs for 1 lb plug
tobacco & without making any more calls of importance
drove home. Sold 1/2 my tobacco to Mrs W. After supper accomp'd by wife & that lady drove S,leaving the
latter at Judge Norton's-kept down to J.F.Billing's-
the Jo House place,turned about came back to the
judge's called for Mrs W who was not ready because
her settlement could be effected no sooner on account
of waiting to see the judge who had just arrived..
Business was immediately dispatched-the debt due her
for work of last summer,being $5.16" was forthwith
paid in money & receiving many compliments drove for
home- Mrs W calling at Mrs Kent's a moment to enquire
into the situation of Mr.W- Found him in none of the
worst-nor could we say in an enviable one- The eveg
after getting home devoted chiefly to reading Article
"Luther" in Cyclopedia-which article finish'd. Boys
busy in preparing to visit Troy,Albany,Gibbonsville& &
Father was this day 74 years old.

WEDNESDAY,JANY 13th. Quite mild-snow soft-thawed
much)less cld & foggy than of late

Cold in the upper regions-trees beyond a certain elevation on mountains remained coverdd with snow and frost. Merc. 29°-34°-45°-39°- Late in day 34°- Geo. & Hopkins were away in good season for Troy- in the pleasure cutter drawn by "Charley"- Lydia by said conveyance went to H.Waters. Little else executed by me than chores at the barn father being too lame to get out much. Rigg'd the old Scott sleigh-cutterwise- See Nov 24. Some chopping & wawing wood to moderate extent carried on. Visited by William Bates to whom paid for use of Oxen Nov.18,19 $1.25 in full- Came in cutter before which had his colt. Should go journey across G.Mountains beyond Adams with his sister Annis. His brother Jo had as much business in his line as he could attend to- thought he would ere long go into extensive practice. & at not a distant day would be wedded to the lady of his choice. Residence of that lady being somewhere in Columbia County,N.Y. Said also would himself build wall for us next Spring if at leisure. J.A. Wight in town got a line from his friend McKay-Pittsfield giving notice that Bush White would not take his place as teacher in that Village-Wrote a reply. In the evening perused Biographical Sketch of the Immortal John Locke,author of Essay on Human Understanding-in Cyclopedia- Born I believe in 1632 at Wrington,Eng.-died 1704-

THURS,JANY 14. Cldy-some little stormy-more wind than for many days past. Merc.32°-33°-34°- Eveg.28°- Chores out of the way- up street with father- Gone but short time-Got letter from uncle Jared Dewey,Hopkinton,N.Y. Dated 4th inst. Anxious to hear from Ira B. wanted he should come home. had bo't 200 acres land for $50 if there were no mistake in setting down figures-All in usual health-Son William married to his Harriet-built new house where the old one stood- Evening wrote reply giving information of Ira's residence,of the circumstances & health of uncle & aunt Taylor as far as known. Wrote Ira respecting the afore'sd letter-put them in office next day. Mr.in extreme distress with an ulcered tooth

FRIDAY,JANY 15 Remained cldy all day-snow right merrily a short time latter pt P.M. came on very cold at night-brisk wd.at N.W.-Merc.25°-28°-24°- Down to 4° eveg.say 8 or 9 o'clock-Snow squeaking loudly. Not much besides chores going on. Conveyed up street friend Wight whose ulcer had previously broken-but still wanted the old snag extracted-for which purpose called on Dr.H.Swift who blundered & took out a wrong one,but as his pains left him.W thought it nearly as proper as any way. The ladies were dipping candles.to harden the tallow bo't of L.P.& Co 2 lb 3 oz beeswax at 29 cs-making bill of 63 cs paid. Called on & paid Miss Polly Thayer for making surtouts for father & Hopkins $5.25. Came home-conveyed father to H.Waters' whence he went with Mrs.W to Friday Meeting. Returned home immediately-attended to concerns here,

assisted some by our friend W,who was rid of vast amount of pain since the his ulcer broke & extraction of stump or snag. Boys arrived from Troy-Skins unsold-no balances bought-nearly all the money returned-everything correct & as it should be. Could have obtained for skins in barter pay $19.62 1/2 cs-Bro't price of Balances-one of which weighing 1200-was put at $10. First night staid at B.Whipple's Albany-Visited Capitol-saw Legislature,Liberary,Paintings &c &c- 2d night in Troy-seeing Mrs Andrews & people,Capt.Waters & family-J C Presho & others. Hopkins bo't 3 open brass sleigh bells with his own money-for "Charley". H.Waters & hands including black Charley were daily employed in chopping wood on his lot. Father was bro't home early in the eveg in cutter from H.Waters'.

SATURDAY,JANY 16. Extremely cold-pretty clear-wind N.W. Merc.12° below o in the morning-afterwards in clear sunshine arose to 28° above-soon after in shade fell to 10°- At or near sunset sank to 2° below Zero. Geo. resumed the care of stock-chopped & saw'd wood. I examined books & papers. P.M. rode in cutter with father up street-halted at Waters'. Leaving the old gent there went to Riddle's saw E.Fillmore under horseshed with others-forthwith made a bargain with him to deliver 120 bhls rye at our house for $106 1/2- splitting the difference between my offer of 87 1/2 cs said to be the current price & 90 cs his price-to be brought next week- bargain confirmed at R's barroom. H.W. & father rode to E.Village-where the former made certain settlements & payments-one of which was with & to H.Norton. the latter got 2 quarts cider brandy at J.Norton's store-to go on cider concern at the distillery. I called at F.Blackmer's-heard gov.Tichenor reading N.Y.Spectator.

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of recent date-containing some Congressional proceedings in relation to Slavery in Dist.of Columbia which drew from him sentiments in diametrically opposed to Abolitionism. & it was plain too that C. could not act on the question of Slavery as it exists in the District-being fully prohibited therefrom by the Constitution. There were some smart things said by Mr. Calhoun on the Debate respecting the admission of spectators in the Gallery of the Senate Chamber-which pleased the gov. & Major Aaron-but perhaps not so with S.Scott Sen.who was also present-Capt P.Dewey also. Made that call at P.Office where saw large mailbag filled with letters,papers,&c-then at U.M.R Esq'r office-stove cold-nobody present-then at L P & Co's where there was our friend Mr.Jac Pool reading Newspaper-our old friend T.Daniels buying something to wear-perhaps a coat-others present-William Robinson from N.Bennington came in. I bo't nothing but cake of shaving soap for which paid 8 cs. Wrote line to leave at U.M's office giving him information that I

had taken his Vol of Paine's Political Writings-
Came off leaving the line & taking the book-aforesaid-
Joining father at H.W's came home. Commenced the eveg
pretty spiritedly reading the "Crisis" No.1 dated
Dec.23-1776. soon after fell asleep-resumed again
however but the evening was at last devoted princi-
pally to company-sonsisting of Messrs C.F.Sears,Eben
Moore & the young gent I brought from Rupert Dec 10
Mr.Sheldon- all quite cheerful & sociable. Neighbor
Elihu Wright also came over & spent most of the eveg
with us. G.P.Harwood bo't in Troy of a Mr.Clark
book dealer the Works of W.Paley for $1.50" & R.Pol-
lock's Course of Time-for 50 cs. Cheap volumes.

SUNDAY,JANY. 17. Violently cold morning-P.M.
snowed some-ceased in the eveg.
Became more mild-Merc. at o gradually came up to 19°-
Eveg.24°- Father,Geo,,Wight,Mrs W & Mrs H were at
Church. Wrote Jour'l-Looked in papers- In the evening
consulted Cyclopedia-Article London-on St.Paul's
Cathedral-built under the superintendence of Sir.C.
Wren. commencing in 1675 & ending in 1710 costing up-
wards of 37000 pounds Sterling. Touching the history
of that celebrated structure-facts may be gathered
from the work just named as well as the notice con-
tained in the Penny Magazine. Read notice of the
Lander's Travels to sources of the Niger. Geo.read
Paley- Wright some favorite passages in Pollock's C
of Time.

MONDAY,JANY 18. During the night a sort of E.
Blow prevailed-which before sun-
rise or about that time lulled away-remained cldy &
partially & partially stormy through the day-some of
it even misty rain. There was a fall of snow in the
night- Wd.apparently S.E.- Merc.swerved up not much
from 28°- Rode on wood shod sled with Geo.P. to E.
part of Benn'gt-Directed old wagg wheels to be new
rimmed-new spoked where the old wouldnot stand at
Deac.Winslow's- Drove to S.Pratt's mill-bro't off 2
stocks good bassw'd boards-Saw that two of the logs
left there last wint.were not sawed. Call was made
at R--No-Isaac Crossett's-also at Jonathan Pratt's-
where szw Reynolds Carpenter & others. C. was under
apprehension of losing a debt of $60 against Elisha
Lyon who, besides being confined to his room by Con-
sumption,had lately been visited by Law Officers for
collection of debts due creditors. Also it was said
that his property was all made over to the Furnace Co-
Bo't of Jona P. a pair of wheels & axle calculated
for hand cart-tire almost new-apparently good-the
whole having been too much exposed to weather-at $5.
Paid $2.50 down-remainder payable in beef-Bro't home
the same. Mr.E.Fillmore delivered on contract at 2
loads 80 bhls rye. Hopkins commenced once more going
to Benn.Acad.Sch. The aforesaid wheels & axle were
the property of Mr.P's son of between 12 & 13-to whom
paid the money. Saw Enos Knapp in the Bar Room-whose
manner of story telling they complained of loudly-
Under horse shed saw young Downs one of the sons of
the late Jesse D.famous for being drowned- Nov.1818 in

Safford's Pond. I would state that this young man-otherwise of pleasant & manly look wore big disgusting hateful whiskers And in addition the B.R. contained whiskered Isaac Judd Jun'r also. The eveg was pleasantly passed away in reading as usual- Geo. in Paley- Wright in Moore's Byron-Self in Cyclopedia-Various Articles-Biographical & Medical &c &c- W. wrote his friends at the S..

TUESDAY,JANY 19. Neither very cldy nor exactly clear for any length of time-Grew cold early in the evening-at times there were heavy gusts N.W.wind. Merc.22°-28°-35°- & 40° sunshine-After sunset about 20°- Eveg. Tow'd noon E. Fillmore Esqr brought on his 3d load rye-making up the full complement of 120 bhls. for which paid him $106.50 in full as agreed at Riddle's on Saturday. With father & my lady in cutter visited the N.W.part of the town-leaving the former at Dr.Sam.Robinson's while the latter proceeded with me to Hinsdill's on business-buying goods to amount of $6.79" on Cr to first of Mar.exclusive of doz cov'd butt's for which pd as many cs. Bo't of Benj.W.Jackson 1 paid Morocco pumps at $1.31" payable first of March. See Day Book Visited Mr.John Gibson & family living in the brick house N. of the Church. Poor man ! not many days in store for him-very pale,low & apparently in the last stages of his complaint-Yet could Mr.R.Carpenter-keeper of the Poor of the Townmof Bennington- have the hardihood to request his removal to the unwelcome mansion which he peoples with paupers-under such unfavorable circumstances. Four of the children were getting a bare living by working in the Factories. Came back to Dr.S.Robinson's-there joined in a brief visit- Saw a letter from the eldest daughter of our cousin Ruth Harwood,now Mrs Tremain-of Dec.19-1835-tho' I must say she left out the year-signed Betsy H. Addressed to Uncle & Aunt R. Her parents were going to remove to a place where was bo't a small farm,under partial cultivation,about 20 miles S. Buffalo next April. For a person of her years-about 14 or 15 it was well executed particularly in point of spelling Father had been over to Safford Robinson's where they had company- Sam Safford with his daughter Mrs Morgan-Martin S.Norton & lady. We came away so as to get home a little after sunset. Saw Sylvanus W.Daniels twice in the course of the day- Said he should not go to Troy probably before sometime next week-could not get iron to transport-I told him it was wholly a matter of indifference with one provided the price of plaster should not rise. Finally-did not know but that he would go tomorrow. Cous.G.P. & Mr W.cut bass wood timber for sawing. took care of cattle &c-Reading was again resumed in the eveg as of late-Miss E.K.Warren came over in the early part of the day. William Hinsdill was the Clk who waited upon us this day-at the deac's.

WEDNESDAY,JANY 20. Cold-tolerably clear-strong fresh breeze from N.W.-Merc.14°-18°-17°- Late in the morning laid my course for the

Centre Village-Made settlement of accounts with Sam Chandler of about two years standing-Blacksmithing amt'g to $22.92". My,bill consisting principally of beef delivered at sundry times-came to $29.56-to which adding obligation on former settlement-$1.08 made the sum total $30.64". To balance the same, gave me due bill for blacksmithing on dem'd $7.62. Made momentary visit at H.Waters'-Then went over to Ogden's & settled with him . His acct

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amounted to $4.05 mostly for repairing old waggon-Brought against it for beef $1.40 leaving in his favor $2.64 payable in beef-Business transacted by ourselves in the first story of wagg.shop .Went to Sanford,B & Co store staying sometime looking at books,iron scoop-shovels &c- Rode with Dr.H.Swift & little boy in red cutter to E.Village. Made settlement in full with Thomas Davis' tailor-for cutting,almost exclusively-the same amounting to $8.79-accumulating since May 14, 1833- My acct for potatoes,beef & cheese came to $11.47-from which was struck 68" for failure in cheese leaving due me $2.00 for which rec'd a shop obligation.& saw his book balanced. Visited our old friend Southworth in his office. Talked a little-looked in some good books-amongst which was that thick Volume on Religion seen when at capt.Phelps' in Rupert. Accompanied S. up street-getting a ride only a few rods up meetinghouse hill with Fayette Dickinson-D.Armstrong being passenger hearing D. enquire whether I would purchase rye & my negative reply along with assertion that I had bo't what I wanted-ironically remarked that I was in haste to buy before it got any lower! Halted at F.Blackmer's-rec'd newspapers-saw L.Patchin Esqr,Major A.Robinson,capt.P.Dewey,capt A.Hyde, & Mr. Burnam of Middleton,Vt- who,that is this last named gent went away with capt.P.Dewey previous to the dispersion of the rest of the company about whom some few remarks were made on his character not highly to his credit,though not at all proving him guilty of unlawful acts & deeds. Came home & enjoyed the eveg in the usual way. Geo ' Hopks thrashed all the remaining oats with mare & Colt. Mr.W. chopp'd wood. Father busied himself much in the usual way respecting wood- I suppose. Eveg. Mrs H made Pongee Frock or gown or dress. Mrs W.was,a short time, at E.Wright's early in the eveg. Hiram Blackmer settled with & paid Mr.Davis cash in full I believe while I was there. Am't not reccollected.

THURSDAY,JANY 21. Sharp severe morning-cldy-searching S.wind-particularly in the eveg. Merc. 3°-20°-28°-30°- Eveg. One bass saw log conveyed to the saw mill of Stebbins Walbridge a 2d brought down from woods ready for carrying off in the morning-by horse-power. Father carried forward his grand scheme of wood-piling-Mr.Wight his of wood-chopping- besides giving G & me assistance in loading

the last mentioned log. When G. went to the S.mill I rode up street-visited N.L.R's Grocery where saw Mr. T.Daniels who appeared to be preparing to take a dish of oysters. Cous. hinted that there would shortly offer a chance for me to exercise my magistracy on a certain occasion. Told him my inability both natural & artificial- He seemed to think he should go ahead-hit or miss. Accompanied him into an upper apartment of the old Judge Robinson house in which his brother Heman H. roomed where I had never been before- procured 2d V.of Moore's Byron & came away. Called at the P.Office.Took out a communication or rather the enclusure of a certain Western Member's Bill for gradually giving up the Public Lands of the U.S. to the States in which they are situated-from the Hon. H.Hall. Heard Mr.Kellogg read a few words of Hon Mr.Slade's speech in favor of abolishing Slavery in Dist.Columbia- Great Puff of Abolition-calculating to ride that hobby to keep himself in office,like hundreds of others equally hollow as himself. Spent short time at F.Blackmer's & as much more at Riddle's-At the latter place were S.H.Blackmer & Isaac Weeks-then rode home with G.P.
In the eveg H P read Paley-Mr.W. M's Byron- & self Church History-Frist of Reformation. Mrs Street came to visit Mother-very communicative,sociable-lively. Sammy W. sick.

Friday JNAY 22. In the morning snow seemed to be fast melting away-many were afraid the snow & fine sleighing whit which we were now blessed would be spoiled- but after a slight rain and continuance of S.wind 2 or 3 hours-wind came round smartly from N.W.- grew rapidly cold-and before night all was snugly frozen up- no fears for sleighing remained. Merc.25°-28°-30°-sunset. Two more basswood logs,being the full of what was desired for that purposs were safely landed at Walbridge's. The last Mr.W. assisted at loading in the woods making at the same time copious remarks on the Life of Byron- of whome related many laughable anecdotes,greatly to our amusment & hearty liking. Father & G.P. attended Friday Meeting. Hopkins accomp'd me to thesaw mill & home again. father joining us at H.Waters'- after sefvice which was just finished as we arrived in the Street- He commenced taking the Missionary Herald.. The No. being for Jan.1836- All hands as heretofore busy with our books in the evening. Mrs Street brought her visit to a close- She could recall bygone events with all the briliancy & sparkling of vidid representation for which she was always so noted in our little vicinity ever since my acquaintance with her-a period of about 40 years- all done in sleek youthful phraseology just as it used to be- though 70 winters have vainly besieged her frail clay tenement..

SATURDAY,JANY 23. Severe-good deal of sunshine amongst some few scattering clouds-Merc. 10°-38°- in the fair sunshine-19°- in the shade-at about 3 P.M. 17°-at sunset-9°-at 8 eveg. Four lds

wood were procured from that part of the woodlot in which the aforesaid saw logs were found-two being the produce of the bass tree- two from a certain beech felled by unknown hands- All this wood as well as saw logs came from beyond "The Gulf" say within 20 rods of the S.W. corner of the farm in (the) a N.E direction-Snow plenty-gulph road bad- Mr.Wight on Friday compleated cutting through one of our 3 big piles of wood- The coarser kind-once,the finer twice or thrice in two- chopp'd some in woods this morning- Went to P.O.-took out letter for himself from Mr. Sheriff S.A.Danforth,Pittsfield,Ms- School Committee Dated 19th inst.,holding out expectation of his return to resume teaching- Boys impatiently awaiting for him to commence- Had looked for no other teacher. Also got letter from Miss A.M.H.- Castleton-Dated 16th to her parents describing ordinary Seminary or Acad. scenes- Sleighride 15 miles to Sudbury-in very natural terms-all about the supper &c &c. Insisted upon the recollection on my part of the "Four Weeks" from the date of sd letter when she expected to see home. I must not disappoint her. He called at F. Blackmer's & got Spect.of the 18th & Vermont Gazette Extra containing the Special Message of the President of the U.S. to both H's Congress on French Affairs- recommending an immediate exclusion of French Vessels & F.Produce from the Ports & Harbours of the U.S.- until that Nation would comply with our just demands- with an eye-to stronger measures-as was very unreservedly hinted in that Communication. Early in the evening waited upon Mrs W. & Mrs H. in cutter to the store of L.Patchin & Co&s where the former traded on her own hook-paying cash for a certain quantity of calico purchased- the latter bo't 2 setts blk printed coffees-4/6-1/2 doz buttons-6 cs- 2 side combs-8cs Sec'd articles for Mrs W-amount in full $1.64 Paid. Half doz plates-additional on cr to be paid in rags at no distant day-$1.25 There were present most of the time-Col.O.C.Merrill, I.T.Robinson,E.Montague- and a few moments D.Robinson,Jun-The last agitating the old subject of turning the county road through a part of Sam H.Brown's home farm-a part of ours & so through the Fay lot to the old road near the S E corner of said lot- asking me if I would agree to it provided I were owner thereof ?Replied

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Replied that I should not. By other gentlemen many remarks were made on F.Afairs-probability of war &c- Judge Stephen Robinson was also one of those who treated the subject with levity- Saying What if the French should immediately come on & seize N.York or Washington ?Or what if the Troops of the U.S.should take Paris ? Going & coming called at H.Waters' where they were permitted to read the last Castleton letter. Reading in the evening was resumed agreeable to recent practice-by the same persons-same authors.

SUNDAY, JANY 24. Continued severe-pretty fair with some haze-Indeed clouded over thickly late P.M. & in the evening began snowing in good earnest from N.W. Snowed about all day. Merc. 3°-23°-19°-20°- All at church excepting mother, self & Mrs Wrisley's Sammy. Along with other reading perused the first part of St.Luke's Gospel. Wrote a long letter to Adeline in the evening containing some short notices of that to which it was a reply-also all the little pieces of intelligence supposed to be amusing to her-such as the probility of marriage between S.Hunt & F.Raymond, & L.S.P. & Har't A. - also, besides other stuff, mentioned visit of cous.Heman H.Robinson this eveg touching upon the changes of conversation between Mr.W. & him. chiefly on Pittsfield & inhabitants (both agreeing that they despised & highly disliked the latter for their haughtiness, extortion & dissipation)- Books & authors etc. Trip to Troy & Albany not forgotten- There was a pretty good dish cooked up for her. Sat up till 12.

MONDAY, JANY 25. Great snow storm from N.W. wind sweeping the snow into monstrous mounds-roads impassable-no going abroad from this mansion- excepting that cous. Heman who tarried the night started for town about 11 A.M. and probably gained his destination we hope safely. He carried letters to the P.Office one of which was a handsome negative reply by Mr.W. to the Pittsfield communication rec'd on Saturday. The other was for Castleton- Therm' 20°-19°-16° Our storm, which it seems, prevailed over night without ceasing, kept on all day in a hurry without halting. Kept cows stabled constantly only letting them out long enough to clean stables & give the kine opportunity to drink. Nine bushels oats cleaned up. Harness oiled by G & H- Moore's Byron read by J.A.Wight Esqr. Father principally confined to his room in good health busy reading- Mrs Wrisley was up to washing in full. My. lady by no means idle.

TUESDAY, JANY 26. Snowed lightly awhile in the morning-mostly rather pleas't- Many clds too- Merc. 19°-or 20°- morng if I mistake not-23°-in shade about noon sunk to 12°- & 8° I think in the eveg. I must correct in the morning stood at 3° above-the other right. Geo, assisted by J.A.Wight butchered & dressed two cows beeves-which they finished off in good season. The names of these cows were "Charles" &"Brown" the former bo't in Sept 1824 of Chas.Brown-then past 4 yrs old-the latter purchased of Deac Dimick-1833-March- said at the time to be 11 yrs old. The first weighing 574-the other 575 lbs- Cost much higher to fatten the former than the latter- Handsome beef. To father, self & Hopks was allotted the task of digging & treading a horse path thro the lane from dwelling to the highway. Not over difficult tho' to be sure there was a superabundant supply of snow. A grand avalanche of that commodity occurred this morning off the S side the new barn roof-descending in grand mass. Mare & young horse were ridden back

& forth or forth & back breaking path out to the great road. People traveled some on that. E.S.Wright rode over in the morning borrowed flails. Wight finished Life of B- 26th.

WED. JANY 27. Clear until 10 o'clk A.M. then clouded over pretty thickly holding so through the day.Wind N.W.-sharp severe air-Smoke rather fell-resting stationary all around as far asy you could see. Merc. 6° below after 12° above down to 8° in the evening. Selling beef the order of the day-65 lbs to H.Waters paying borrowed in full-See Sept.29 & also to find date when the other parcel of beef was paid-See Day Bk-68 do pr qr 4 1/2 cs-$3.06 On acct leaving balance in my favor of 41 cs. 117 lbs fore qr to Mrs Hall $5.27 paid at sight. 117 lbs to H.Kellogg Esqr $5.85. Made me acquainted with the fact of Adeline's sending Catalogue to H.Waters on which she wrote a few lines, subjecting the same to letter postage on which acct Waters refused taking it out-furthermore that the person so writing were liable to be prosecuted under the P.Office Act & fined $5. Asked him if he would prosecute me for $5-said he would prosecute the person who broke the law. Went down to E.Village-offered beef to S.Weeks to whom it had been previously engaged. Did not want it-purchased yesterday-saying he told us we were told by him that he should want 1 week's notice of our killing- We recollected it not-no more than we should furnish it the last week in Jany- But few words were exchanged-no temper on either side. Called on Mr.Jon.Pratt-looked crookedly at his beef-not satisfied-quibbled-hesitated very reluctantly at last rec'd it-neck piece of fore qr. 51 lbs at 4 1/2 cs-$2.30-to which added 20 cs in money balanced acc's with him. Seemed to insinuate that he would not have accepted of the article had he not agreed to. It was good enough for him or any other reasonable man. So much for captiousness. Proceeded to Deac.Winslow's where left fore qr 115 lbs & 25 lbs rough tallow-adding all together am'td to 140 lbs which at 5 cs-came exactly to $7 on Acct-Manifested great satisfaction there with. This last was out of the order of events-because we had previously sold to Elijah D.Waters the quarter assigned to Weeks 115 lbs-rec'd payment in full $5.75. Drove now direct to Deac. S.Hinsdill's on new road-meeting more than 20 teams laden with ore for the Furnaces. Past noon when we got there-transacted business with B.W Jackson respecting shoes for wife & about selling calfskins in Troy. Said he believed Mr.Gibson was really getting better-had tapp'd his legs-Physician spoke encouragingly. Sold to Deac S.Hinsdill 227 lbs beef hind qr at 5 cs-$11.35-entered on last yrs Acct. on which there was previously due $12.55 cs-leaving balance of $1.20 yet due which I paid to his clerk Norman Edgerton who in his flowing easy style gave me rec't in full as it regarded 1835. Nothing due there now excepting bill of $6.79 taken up Jan.19. Saw E.Fuller our cooper to whom proposals were made respecting the storage of boards(basswood) at his shop which he gave leave to do. Bo't raisins, cloves,

whipstock,bottle ink and 4 lbs b sugar-as may be seen in Day Bk $1.44 paid. Saw U.Edgerton Esqr. whose family we understood would take up their future residence in the Village on the morrow. Left Hiram Waters settling Accts there. Past 2 came away-Halted at L.Patchin & Co's-bo't pound cassia-paid 25 cs for the same-Viewed handsome representation of St. Paul's-in-London in Casket. D.Robinson Jun happened in & began to harp on my purchasing the Fay Farm. Having road turned this side S.H.B's house-trying to have me recolciled thereto &c- of B.F.Fay Geo.P. bo't mopstick for 20 cs-paid his own money-refunded it next day- G. called for Lydia at H.Waters'-I rode forward in a cutter with a stranger from Arlington who halted at Sanfd's to see if he could get employment at peddling-having within a year wounded himself in such manner as to stiffen a knee joint-disabling him from working at farming. business to which he was bred But I must not forget our friend Kellogg with whom had some trifling business. He got his Post Office-Laws from which he read the clause touching Adeline's case-answered him rather vaguely & quit-Saw at the tin shop large tin bakers for which they asked $6. Geo. had with him old & young Lydia.

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Found here capt Perez Harwood Sen'r & his lady's nephew Finch-the latter being a fellow student came see our friend Wight-Staid but short time. Martha & Mason came to visit Mrs Wrisley-their moth.eveg. N.Edgerton finding an old note given by me to the Deac. June 30 1826-for $2.85 the amt of which including interest was paid April 14,1827 & instead of the note,which was locked up-Deac.gone to N.Y. took rec't,but could not produce it on the spot-gave up said note this day & after getting home found rec't & the whole story told in Jourl of those-two days-which if want to see. Father sawed & split some wood. Hopkins did not attend school. Perused French Documents chiefly this eveg. W.very lively.

THURSDAY,JANY 28. Sharp severe weather-pretty fair-Merc. 14° below-afterwards I think in the shade not higher at any hour of the day than 13° above Zero-6° sunset & in the eveg.at 2°-Geo.P. in cutter drawn by Charley wearing bells-waited upon J.A.Wight to Ws College-baited at Bridges' saw & conversed with cous Marg't Harwood-informed her of news from Mrs Tremain her sister being about to leave where she now resided for one of the S.Western-most Counties in the State of N.Y.- All well at Smedley's- C.Brown Esqr had made out well in cheese speculation suffering no loss by fire excepting some trifling articles belonging to his lady. Got home early in the evening-safe & sound excepting the loss of one of Hopk's 3 open bells. Father worked at sawing,riving & piling wood. I took care at the barn-shovel'd down in part a big snow bank S. side the new

barn-assisted Hopk's some in rigging the lumber cutter to go to his uncle H.Waters'- to wait upon his aunt & children down on a visit- During their stay commenced writing letters to Dr.Ashley & lady-See Nov-16 & Sept 2 & onward. Hopks had a hand at levelling snow bk. Perused Article Ludlow in Cyclopedia-one of the judges of Chas 1st in Eng'd- Good character.

FRIDAY JANY 2 9 Very pleasant but severely cold-there being only 3 or 4 hours middle part of the day to mildness-after which the S wind took hold like the very essence of frost. Great supply of snow all over. Sleighing too new to be really good. Merc. 4°-12°-23°-12°- Home business principally working up wood. A quantity of tallow was tried. Father attended Friday Meeting. I rode to Shaftsbury in cutter-conveying Mrs.Wrisley to T.Matteson's N.pt Bennington where she tarried during my absence. Delivered 3 cow hides at H.Barton's Esqr. Saw the old gent who informed me that his son was gone to White Creek on business. Left my acct $16.45 on which according to my estimation,after substracting his ($13.62 1/2) there was due $2.82" for settlement another day-leaving also borrowed meal bag in which calf skins were bro't-Came to Matteson's-By invitation baited & dined besides of course being introduced to Mrs M- Mr.M. gone to E.Village. Old Mrs Alexander held some conversation with me. Her husband was nearly 92 years of age-almost entirely deaf-something out of health,recollection greatly impaired-remembering only some few incidents which occurred in his youthful days-locomotive powers nearly exhausted. She claimed to be 11 years younger-quite gay & lively cracking her jokes-had been married almost 56 years to this same husband-Native town-Pelham-Ms-Never had children. Came to this town in March 1780-His birthday would be Feby 26-hers some day in Ap'l Past 3 left for home where we arrived without loss of time-only halting at H.Waters' to take in father-who also was blessed with a few turnips from H.W. and a nameless piece of furniture bo't at F.Bs-unpaid- Mrs Alexander said her name,her maiden name if you please,was Berry. Previous to marriage her husband had his mother for housekeeper.

SATURDAY,JANY 30. The late S. wind had really softened the weather quite sensibly-Cldy & hazy if I mistake not- Merc.20°-29°-30°-28°-Perhaps it wass clear a part of the day-Wd. S. It is set down for the 20th that the last of the oats of the growth of 1835 was threshed-but I was incorrect-there was a quantity left which were this day in the same manner threshed out & cleaned up-am't to bhls. Father continued working up & piling wood-completing 2 first piles 2 feet in length E. end wood shed. Evening Geo,Hopk's & self rode in cutter drawn by young horse to Grocery of N.L.Robinson where deliv'd 7 1/4 lbs butter at 20 cs-rec'g payment in full $1.39 3/4 Company numerous & lively. Capt.A.Hyde entertaining them with an anecdote respecting the late Isaac Webster

who some 20 years since when Hyde & Swift or Swift & Hyde were in trade together-brought out a hhd of rum or brandy,which as was customary in those days he tapp'd on the road or at the place where he tarried over night understood at Lansingburgh-became intoxicated-the Landlord-a dishonest fellow,took advantage of the opportunity & abstracted as near as could be calculated 12 gallons said liquor-which rather reluctantly was paid for by Mr.W. Those composing the Grocery crowd company now recollected were Capt.H. just mentioned, I.T.Robinson.Capt.M.S.Norton, Hiram Scott & J.Loomis Jun't. Capt.M.S. wanted tp know how I could have a conscience to take 20 cs pr lb for butter. I replied that were he to stand in my boots he would do the same- He responded that he rather thought he should. Miss M.Wrisley came here on an errand sometime in the evening. I tried to read through the Suppressed Letter of the F.Minister DeBroglie-but had not patience. From that it appears that the language of the President in his Message of Dec 1834 was too highly seasoned. Perused Byron.

SUNDAY,JANY 31. It seemed as if the world(was) were going to be liberally filled with snow for there was very little cessation in the fall of it during the day up to about 10 o'clock in the evening. Thawy mostly-grew cold after sunset- M Merc. 28°-32°-28°-25°- All at church excepting Mother self & little boy. Executed usual task at the barn-did up my writing-read one or two chapters in the first part of St.Luke.-likewise some interesting articles in Penny Magazine. E. hay mow reduced to little more than 2 tons-supposed-it might possibly last until the 8th of Feby. Care was had in feeding out the commodity. Oat straw was substituted for it as far as it would go. Three farrow cows giving goodly messes of milk were pets served with more & better food than their fellows. Hay said to be worth 14 or 15 dollars pr ton. Elder Keach of Hoosick preached at the Cong meeting house this day-Mr.Hook'r was understood to have exchanged with him. Respecting stock & hay-see Aug.14(14)-Oct 31,Nov 13,14,23d,Dec 15,16 & 31. Began foddering hay off E. haymow in the old barn on the 2d inst. As to money would refer to Sept 28,Nov 1st, 14, Dec.10,11,14, Jany 16 & to know fully as to dealing see Day B & Cash B.under these & other dates.Cash now remaining $31.26". Due at Hinsdill's $6.79-at F.B's $o.21cs- at B W Jackson's when wife's shoes are done about $3.to be paid first of Mar. No mechanis to settle with other than Deac.Winslow. As much due from as to mechanics- In fact the odds would be largely in my favor for it is very probable at this time $5 would pay the whole. I might however be mistaken. Here is one omission & even two there is H. Waters-not settled with,besides J.C.Haswell-but these, provided the means fail not which are in my eye for meeting their c,aims will not cause much deviation from the above estimate. Taxes to be put over to firsty of March when payment if expected from H.Waters of sum lent first Nov.last-For quantity of cheese made-see Nov 26,27 & Dec 12.

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MONDAY,FEBY 1st New snow flying before violent gusts of dreadful cold freezing N.W. wind constituted the essential features of the weather of this snow drifting day. Cloudy until a late hour P.M. when the sky was pretty cleanly swept. Merc. 12°-10°-16°-10°-above 5° below Zero past 10 eveg. No business of prime importance was in progress. A quantity of Ind.corn was shelled,pork,hams,shoulders & chops were got up & suspended in smoke house & some other minor calls were attended to- Besides good care of cattle at the barn wherein they were kept confined as usual on days as severe as this-giving them merely liberty to drink while the boys shovelled away the manure. Geo. & Hopkins in the morning rode the horses abreast or each by itself for the sake of tracking out to the highway. The latter made an effort,after dismounting at neighbor Brown's,to get on foot to school, but finding it very tedious,turned about this side the Andrews place & gladly came home. My chief employment was writing out Jour'l & adding the two last pages of a letter to Dr.Ashley & lady in reply to Sophia's of Oct 10-rec'd here Nov 16- See Sept 2. This letter was filled with such information as it w was presumed would most interest them. And among other items that of my hon'd father & sister Mrs Waters having become members of the First Cong.Church in Bennington on the 2d Jany past. Evening perused Letters of L'd Byron from Venice,Rome &c 1817- very amusing.

TUESDAY,FEBY 2. Remarkably cold-wind most of the time blowing strongly from N.W.- Mostly clear according to my impression. Merc. little after sunrise-22°-23°- below Zero continuing all day from 4° to 6° under that point. Very little out door business done except breaking road through lane by shovelling & treading down snow with our own feet. Proper care continued to be bestowed on creatures at the barn. New harness oiled by boys. Day & evening I perused over 100 pages M's Byron-1818-19 to the time of Moore's visit at Venice-Love Intrigue with Madam Guic's. Father apparently enjoyed well the perusal of Goodrich's Abridged Lives of Signers of Dec. Independence. My lady built a great many mince pies- Mrs W. acted well herpart at other concerns.

WEDNESDAY,FEBY 3d. Severe cold continued,broken clds,hazy sky-N.wd.Merc.4° under 12° above- 3° under Zero Evening. Father,Hopks & Geo or G. & H worked at wood. Boys rode horses through the lane to open the path,in the morning. Afterwards rode with lady to Hinsdillville-left 22 calf Skins tanned which Mr.Jackson agreed to sell for me at Troy-had not got shoes done for my lady. B.R.Sears was there. At Hinsdill's store left rec't for note mentioned Jany 27th. Bo't woollen or cott flannel & paper of pins-together-20 cs-paid. Many persons present-Came to E.Village by new road-New 6 legg'd table

said to have been designed for H.Waters on Fire Subscription at Isaac Crossett's was examined-standing in a most wretchedly cold room-Leaves very wide-composed of knotty cherry- Priced from $7 to $8- Saw coffin partly made-told us it was for Elisha Lyon Esqr who died this morning at his residence in Woodford after an lingering illness of many months standing originating from disordered lungs. His worldly concerns were in a most shocking train. Debts $3000 over his means to pay- On getting into the cutter we to leave-saw Capt. Stephen Pratt who mentioned the accute illness of his sister Mrs Crossett-who was taken 3 weeks since. In the Centre Village Mrs K. made call at H.Waters'- I procured whip nearly rigged over by C.S.Pool for which paid him 12 1/2 cents- At the P.Office left letter addressed to Dr.Ashley-Russell,N.Y.- chiefly written 1st inst. Rec'd another from Adeline of Jany 28. Had beensick & tenderly taken care of by Mrs Clark for which she claims our warmest acknowledgements. Put it down firmly that I must without fail come after her by the time mentioned in that of the 16th. Mentioned how eagerly my letters were sought after by her friends there- adding that she supposed that Geo. would say she was soaping me. Rec'd another from H.A.Wight enclosing $1 Bennington money- stating that he had just rec' a letter from his brother Spencer (here last Apl) & first of May (last) dunning him for money not due till after his leaving Coll-to which he said he wrote a hot reply. Board had risen from 50 to 75 cs-over what it was last term-on which acc't it seemed to be his intention as well as that of others to board themselves independent-therefore he solicited Mrs H. to cook up some provisions & forward him forthwith. to tow'd which the money was sent. Requested an immediate reply. To both I prepared answers in the course of the evening. The pith of either have not time, could I recollect contents verbatim,to record. To either I wrote encourageingly & sympathetically- Up until nearly 12 writing-past that on going to bed. On the 4th sent them to the Office- Southern Stage gone- Very sorry- knowing Wight's very unpleasant predicament. Rec'd back from S W Daniels this 3d of Feby $7 in money paid in advance to him for plaster Jany 7th. His, capt,Hawks' & other ore teams were met on the hill E. of Capt. Steb.Walbridge's loaded with ore for the Furnaces.

THURSDAY,FEBY 4. Yet more severe. Mostly clear or rather there was a kind of snow haze- Searching air sweeping from W & N.W. Merc. 4° below,7° above o° sunset-5° below eveg.. Like business continued by same individuals. After Hopk's return'd from Street-leaving three letters in P.O.,I waited upon Mrs Kent & Mrs E.H.Warren her only daughter to the house of Aaron Bubbell Esqr.for a visit. She was going to carry her child (in its 3d yr) but it was so frightened on getting into the sleigh that it was found ne xt to impossible to induce quietude- therefore left it behind with Almira,lady of our friend Thomas Kent who appeared in great mood of politeness.

While they were at Esqr H's-my mare being stabled by uncle Jones- I went directly to the house of S. Scott & tarried by good fire-enjoying the lively society of young Martin & his sister Rhoda Ann-Treated me with mince pie & good cider. Young Aaron Hubb'l came over a part of the time-talked over concerning the Lives of Napoleon,Josephine &c- I read through Mr. Webster's late Speech,most excellent, giving a most clear & most convincing statement of the manner in which the Fortication Bill of 1835 was lost. Young H. produced a sunscription for singing school on which my name stood against the sum of $1-the half of which was only required-school continuing only half the time-signed for. So paid 50cs & that was the end of it. I went off in the morning or rather it was noon-forgetting until after being bundled up in cloke,that I was in my duds for which made an apology. Short time previous to coming away Mr.Scott returned from Street-conversed some with him- Came off with my ladies in good season-Bo't of Blackmer ounce camphor-pd 12 1/2 cs,got N.Y. paper of Jan 25 or somewhere about that date-safely landed ladies at their residence & reached home little past sunset. Eveg.perused paper & wrote Jour'l & Accs The funeral of Mr. Lyon was this day attended. Little Samuel A.Wrisley was sick this afternoon & evening.

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FRIDAY 5TH FEBY No falling off on the cold side, but rather a gain. Fair excepting a light fall of frost which is often noticed in very severe weather. Merc. 10° below in the morning-In warmth gained 8° past noon- 2° above was the highest noticed- Sunset 6° below. Out doors business suspended. Personally assisted John Godby in breaking road through the S. meadow for the accomodation of Seth Billington & team in the employment of Hiram Waters of whose wood they drew 2 good loads. The team,good oxen paid of oxen & iron shod sled belonged to Dr. H.Swift. A certain paper-cov'd trunk of no great dimensions was filled with provisions for J A Wight of Bills College-consisting of pies,nutcakes & some pieces of baked spare rib & between 2 & 3 lbs butter in compliance with his written request. The lid was firmly made fast by straps which were well secured by faithfully nailing-The same was conveyed to Love's,legibly labelled,transportation paid in advance to Jefferson Albro who agreed to see it safely on board of the Southern Stage. Charley was the beast after which we rode. Geo,Hopkins & myself constituted the party. The first was left down the hill to attend a thin Friday Meeting. At Love's there was an excellent fire kept in the large close stove in the Bar Room-rendering pleasantly warm & comfortable- Mr. L said his business was pretty well brought up-very few cases to attend to-none to call him out this tedious day. Young M.L.Selden & a brother stage driver were there. Two strangers-I believe from Adams, Ms,came in a short time. Of town's people only recollect seeing gen'l Nathan C.Weeks & U M Robinson Esqr & Willard Weeks-Stage Proprietors Transacted

some business with C.S.Pool in his line- Came down to H.Waters'-the gentleman had just arrived from Castleton with Bradford Sherwood-where two loads pine lumber-say in all 2200 feet was purchased by said S. Had called on Adeline at Seminary-well-sent a lot of books & billet in pencil mark-reiterating her request to have me bring her off before Examination-expecting a final letter from me on Tuesday next- (My last must answer every purpose) H.W. bro't home a lot of walnuts-would make me take a few to bring home. Aunt Lydia,with bad cold came home with us. Geo. arrived about sunset- I perused Lett's of L'd B. in the eveg. Moore parted with him sometime in Oct 1819. It was thought that the lady of I.Crossett could survive but a short time.

The shoes for Mrs.H were rec'd from the shop of B W Jackson pr Mr. Speare.

SATURDAY,FEBY 6. No mitigation of the severity in the weather department-Very fair-not much wind stirring. Taken altogether-as cold as on the 5th,but it is true from 2 to 4 P.M. the thermometer ran up to 20°- Morning 16° below-Noon 10° above- four P.M. 20°- Sunset 3°- Nine evening sank to 5° below Zero. Recollect sunset 3° above. The business of Thursday was resumed by father & Geo. Self & Hopkins went in cutter drawn by the mare "Jenny" doing errands. Enquiry was made at Walbridge's & Hinsdill's for Buck Wh't-none found-price said to be 3/6 At the latter place were a good many people in amongst them was Mr.Whittemore-brother-in-law of John Gibson-whose life W. told me was despaired of- mortification having set in at the extremities. Friends in Poultney had sent him $6 in money & perhaps some thing else-recently- Requested me to inform them of the rec't of the same. Saw U.Edgerton Esqr-who made some enquiry about S W Daniels-made favorable answers. Saw one of the Fuller boys with whom said a few words about price of plaster & paint tierces-former 75 cs latter 62 1/2 cs. After making something of a rally among their horse blanketting,which not being up in quality to my requirements-bo't 6" worth cott.batting -pd-Came away-Rode to S.W.Daniel's residence)late) of U.Edgerton Esqr,formerly that of Lieut.Lacy-before his occupation,that of Josh'a Griswold-next before his,that of capt.Thomas Abell. Our business was to get bags,furnished him to get plaster in from Troy-The lady said the same were sent by I.Hawks to T for plaster. So we came directly up to L.Patchin & Co's store.No not quite so in point of fact -Some business of no great account having been done first with C.S. Pool & I T Robinson-paying the latter o/9 for filing wood saw. At said store bo't paid of horse blankets for $2.83"- for which they asked $3- & 2 1/2 yds brown cott. at o/9-of which took bill of $3.14" paid in full. The latter article being for lining. Left order for Sursingle & pad with C.S.Pool-which would be finished this eveg.at 75 cs. At F.Blk's got Spect. of Feby 1. Bo't paper Brit.Lustre pd.6 cs.

Halted a mom&t at H.Waters. Reached home by sunset. Horse blankets made by ladies in the evening.

SUNDAY, FEBY 7. There was a relaxation-a giving away of the real firm cold which had so steadily held on fort the last 6 days - Wind blew up thick cldy from S- very faintly commenced snowing at an early hour-finally in the evening settled into something like a snowstorm. Merc. 2° above. Noon at 11°-P.M. 24°- remained so up to 8 in the eveg. Father, Geo. & Lady went to church. Hopks waited upon them both ways- Bro't home the article mentioned yesterday bespoke of Mr. Pool-liked it well- In the evening Hiram Waters & Baj. R. Sears came down together-the former paid $20 borr'd money on first Jany. Took written directions respecting 6000 feet pine clapboards which he wished me to engage for him at $10 pr M or if not at <u>that</u> to have him reduce his lowest terms to writing & forward by me. Lyman S. Patchim was said to be soon married to Miss H. Albro. His father hotly opposed.

MONDAY, FEBY 8. Snowed all day furiously, from S.E. Great fall of snow- Merc. 26°-32°-28°- Wanted to start for Castleton this morning, but there was no such thing in a prudent way of managing. Read Byron in Ravenna-1819-1820- Wrote out most of an unfinished Jour'l during my tour to N.Y. in Oct. 1834. Read some few pieces in Old Spect. likewise a few pages of Col. Hanger . Father stuck to his books when free from drowsiness. Geo. & Hopks took care at the barn-the former devoting muct time to reading Paley. Hopkins amused himself in low songs, such as "Long tail blue"- "Black Rose" & some light buffoonry in the eveg. caught up at Caravans- & elsewhere- Mrs Wrisley in defiance of storm went through with washing.

TUESDAY, FEBY 9. Tolerably-Some agitation of air-mostly from south. Cldy too-Merc. 22°-28°-30°- Wood business resumed by father & Geo. P. Shoveling snow out of the most snowy section of the lane leading tothe highway made up a part of my vocation early in the day. Mare & colt were rode by Hopkins & me-even so far as Sibley's in one of Judge L. Norton's houses-that is one of his red houses. On returning finding the road passing over the "Blue Hill" pathed too near the lower edge, requested Harry Warren to give it a better & safer direction by showelling away the snow from the opposite side. P.M. with son visited Love's & otherplaces in the Street- Paid C.S. Pool 75 cs in full for surcingle & pad-with a compliment. At Love's rec'd back 6 1/4 cs of the money entrusted with him for paying transportation of trunk to J.A. Wight-sum paid being 18 3/4- At first very few members of the bar were seen-presently however there came up a heavy sleigh in which some six or eight persons were seated- mostly lawyers from Manchester- S. Swift, P. Smith &c & Walker

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Saw also Sheriff Canfield- & Attys Mess U.M.Robinson,P.Isham,A.H. Blackmer,A.P.Lyman,Wm.S.Southworth & J.S.Robinson- also Sidney B.McEowen,Jeff.Albro,Young M.L.Selden, J.Loomis Jun'r & others. At the store of N.L.Robinson was entertained by Dave Ruttenbur on love disappointments,bad marriages generally the consequences according tohis observations- his adventures with Smith Montague while employed in the erection of the Burr Seminary,Manchester-in the transportation of lumber from Castleton-Good deal of trouble-some fun. Cousin Nathan wanted to buy cheese would pay 9"- Called at Dr.Bigelow's & got letter for his daughter at Castleton. At home by sunset-Enjoyed butternuts & the pages of Moore's Byron in the evening. It must be recollected that there was at this time an unusual quantity of snow covering the face of the earth in these northern climes-in cleared land at least 2 feet & in the woods said to be from 3 1/2 to 4 ft deep. Roads badly blocked up in various sections. Not so snowy a winter since 1827- perhaps not since 1804 or 1805.

WED, FEBY 10. Chilly-wind from various directions- mainly W-drifting snow considerably Snowed quite smartly P.M. in the neighborhood of Manchester,Dorset,Rupert &c. Started for Castleton about sunrise-sleighing dull & heavy-snow in great abundance-too recently fallen to have been trodden as much as is required for easy & expeditious travelling Tow'd the N. part of Shaftsbury a gentleman having good horses,fine sleigh & lady with some kind of head dress-well set off with nodding black plumes came up in rear & afterwards passed me. kept in sight of him to Arlington when bothn parties baited at Lathrop's- Said gentleman proved to be a Mr.Dyer of Clarendon,Rut'd Co. son of the old gentleman who came one day last season to visit me in the dairy-along with E.Carpenter. He discoursed pretty freely with Esqr Deming-from which I inferred that he was a wool grower- mentioned E.Carpenter & family with whom he appeared well acquanited-C. had sent off his best son to the W- in his opinion would sell out & follow soon- Reckoned he would gain $2000 in the sale-having purchased at 4- could sell for six- Mr. D got away too quick for me-had to mope to Manchester solitary- Road greatly incommoded with drifted snow in many places-Men & teams had been out breaking paths-my progress consequently very tardy & tedious. If so,previous to arrival in that village- The first three miles on the Dorset Road beyond was a great deal worse-of which gained information by enquiry in the street near one of the Hotel's- the opinion being entertained that I could not get through that evening. They however said that Esqr. Patchin from Bennington-with lady in his cutter had just gone on. If he had ventured this felt as if I could do as much. In fact there was little exaggeration in the accound given-it was about as difficult

to get along as my old beast could very well grapple with-no relief until past the hills on said section of road- Left sleigh loaded with household stuff snow bound a few rods N. of the Village. I have said " No relief"which might possibly go a little too far in representation of the difficulty- More or less the drifts were most formidable for all the three miles & very recently opened & tho' it must be acknowledged that the good people had wrought nobly,yet a horse had enough to do to drag an empty cutter over & through it- No one would wish to try the experiment a 2d time. Took West road in Dorset-kept making inquiry for John Phelps- frequently enduring the mortification of receding instead of advancing on comparing answers. However at length arrived at the pine tree-actually drove into the man's yard & after pondering on the question a few moments turned round & drove to the house of capt. Silas Harwood (cousin of my father)-made my self known,had horse well provided for & rec'd personally every friendly & hospitable attention. It was past 8 in the evening-John the oldest son came in & spent the evening very agreeably- quite sociable-Requested me to stay at his house over night on my return- Promised I would-if I should not conclude on going home on the Salem Turnpike. Capt.S. informed us of some particulars of the ear;y part of his life-Such as buying 100 acres of land in Otsago County,N.Y. however soon gave that up & after a while became permanently located in the pleasant valley where he yet resides. His son J. some out of health- 42 yrs of age-

THURSDAY,FEBY 11. Fairest of any day seen for some weeks past-Some hazy P.M. & eveg. About 9 A.M. when started-Snow had drifted into the road a little during the night-Very pretty doings comparatively to Granville Corners which were passed at 1/2 past 12-Made enquiry respecting the best road to take for Castleton. directed me to go by Middle Granville Village-Did so-was very pleasant 2 miles-Again asked information-Said must cross the bridge,turn to the right-having done so-questioned another person who told me I ought to have turned off previous to crossing bridge-should have saved distance. Did not know why (~~they-should~~) the other gentleman directed me as he did-excepting that he might have known the bad state of the other road- I kept on-no trouble-snow very deep-path new & uneasy to the beast- not drifted until after crossing another stream. Ascended a hill-missed my way-but was informed seasonably enough to prevent much loss of distance- Had to go many rods ahead to get a chance to turn round-then taking a cross road leading to the E-found great drifts-a part of the way road blocked up-had to go in the pastures & fields-Very slow doings-at length gained the wished for way which quietly pursued to W.Poultney Village-where made a temporary halt-Six miles to Castleton-sun getting low-Drove on at a dull rate- On a plain

this side ofa a small village began to question the correctness of my course-suspecting myself to have gone too fat to the N- held a pretty warm soliliquy on the subject- came almost to the resolution of tacking short about-knowing too the nearly impossibility of effecting it in suchman ocean of snow- But coming to a bridge & seeing a young man watering a horse-putting the usual question-rec'd information that I was right & within 1 1/2 miles of the Seminary-good road-arrived there about sunset-Soon found Miss Adeline & at first concluded on returning to Poultney in the course of the evening-but subsequently made up our minds to tarry until morning-putting up myself at Westover's. In obedience to request of H.Waters-visited Mr.Hyde on lumber business & rec'd his reply in writing. When I entered his store he was reading a pamphlet on the treatment of nuns in Convents-great cruelties of course were set forth. Great part of the evening spent at Westover's. Barkeeper-young about 16-kept a flute on which I tried some to play-but succeeded very dryly. A young man of the neighborhood came in supporting himself upon crutches- having a bad leg-fever sore-large piece of bone had lately been extracted which he exhibited to the bystanders- I did not view it. His countenance was pale-seemed cheerful-saying to those who enquired that his leg was doing well. Among others there was a singing Master who,from what I heard said, was teaching in the Village- entertained us with some handsome specimens of his prowess in the art- and appropriate remarks on music-besides anecdotes connected with the subject- instancing a most accomplished performed in the person of a young lady whom he knew in Middlesex Co.,Ms-the best-clearest,loudest,softest he ever heard. Said down in that section there was far greater attention paid to Music than here- Great Societies were formed and often select setts of singers were called together from a considerable extensive district & the most difficult & grand pieces were accurately & exquisitely performed. Our Singing Master

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should guess from what he said of himself,was 31 years of age-wife & family residing in Benson- Formerly belonged to Townsend,Ms-One singular sort of man was present a part of the eveg who took part in the musical colloquy- Called for & sipp'd most deliciously a sling-which when swallowed-twenty minutes perhaps having been happily allotted to that performance-he returned the glass & paid the barkeeper-seemingly perfectly satisfied-making at the same time a very handsome compliment to the lad of the Bar for so nice a hit at his palate. Between 8 & 9 in the evening went up to the Seminary-entered the room of Mr Clark & lady and obtained his bill against Adeline which including 1 copy of Abercrombie's Intellectual Philosophy-price $1-amounted to $29/29-which I paid

in full. Mrs C. appeared to be reading a Memoir of some late Missionary of the East. During the quarter Miss Adeline had studied Natural & Intelectual Philosophy-and latterly "Frencg"- Returned to W's & sat up late hearing the Singing M & Westover converse on various subjects.

FRIDAY)FEBY 12. Thinly cld'd over-commenced snowing very moderately from S. Kept coming on hotter & hotter until past noon when there was a recess-after awhile began again. One of the first instances that attracted my notice this morning was the call of my man of sling-using a staff to keep himself steady in his pace. He too claimed some musical ~~ability~~ celebrity having played the violin for 25 years- a circumstance which should have been added to what was said under date of the 11th. An ungovernable slip of the pen caused me to leave the weather story imperfectly told. The snow storm came on again afternoon,but was not felt to be tedious until getting into the valley of Pawlet River where the S.E. wind met us right in the face & eyes & most cuttingly- no cessation till getting into the snug quarters of our good friend Phelps- Storm probably continued all night. Mr.Clark handsomely invited us to breakfast-We declined with a compliment. Paid Bill at W's- Got everything in readiness for departure. Drove up in front of Seminary- Adeline rec'd parting kisses from many of her late female associates of the Institution-standing under the Gr'd Piazza-Compliments & kisses all cleverly pocketed-came off in good spirits-my daughter being most favorably impressed towards Principal & lady and all with whom she became acquainted in the Seminary with one or two solitary exceptions. Left no broils,nor had she had any to settle--all harmonious or at any rate apparently so. Halted a moment at W.Poultney & left word at Beaman's for Mr Jonas Gibson & friends that their brother John was in the last stages of his disorder the last I knew respecting him. Took old Turnpike-great deal of snow-fences nearly covered up-Progress most abominably slow- tedious- Reached Granville Corners-perhaps between 1 & 2 P.M. accomodations very proper in the house-Horse-dhed crammed full-could not feed my beast at all- Had crackers & wine. Saw a lady with remarkably full balloon sleeves who negatively took great pains to have it known that she was Miss Bride-husband's name Jessee- Farther we learned not-except that Ad, made up an unfavorable opinion of her intellectual powers from observation. In person-over usual size-Belonged at no great distance- for the domestics of the house knew her. Besides saw a gentleman who at first sat at a table writing-afterwards walked the room-whistling some favorite air-stopping occasionally to inspect a map suspended at the upper end of the apartment-or if that is not proper-say at one end &c- Our stay was short. Came on in our dilatory way-very trying to the small stock of patience we held in store. At length got in sight of the "Pine Tree" in front of J.Phelp's-the

wind roaring loudly in the forests-snow flying-Capt. Silas Harwood called out to us to tarry with him-but as A. had not been acquainted in his family-in accordance with her feeling I proceeded to Capt. Phelps'-where our reception was in every respect most friendly & hospitable. I should be very sorry to have it inferred from my conduct in this instance that the most distant feeling of disrespect was harbored toward capt. Harwood & family- on the contrary a sentiment of a very opposite cast was entertained & ever will be while the recollection of past favors and a due regard for worth & character shall be indelibly impressed on my mind. The evening was passed away very sociably- Mr. Pedlar Bates put up there over night. Had packages of goods in his cutter.

SATURDAY,FEBY 13. Snowed until a late hour in the morning-wind strong from S.E.-P.M. there having been a calm-began snowing again-some of the time almost raining. Wind changing direction to N.W. It was our intention & wish to be off this morning but my resolution flagged befo re such a storm as is above mentioned. so made up our minds to tarry. Mr.Bates exhibited goods some of which were purchased by Mrs.P.-perhaps Miss Dunton might have also bo't some- Adeline saw some trinkets .o/6 worth of which she took it in her head to purchase for the children of H.Waters. Mr.Sheldon came over , with whom held some conversation on Temperance & Politicks. Friendly to the former- not satisfied with management of French Question. Miss Dunton was carried away by some one who wanted her services at tailoring. Went off perhaps not far from noon. Afterlong preparation s'd pedlar departed. Capt.P. & sons took special care of cattle & flocks-Dreariness of the season made him feel close on the score of fodder. One of his neighbors came to him to buy a few bundles of rye straw-would not sell. Their hogs were fed much on frozen apples-gathered purposely for them last fall-fruit esteemed very valuable for swine in their opinion-Stock consisted of 1 Yk oxen,6 cows,11 two yr olds,4 yearlings,2 young claves & about 550 sheep-besides 4 hd horses. Commenced the winter with from 80 to 90 tons of hay, besides some straw. In the evening Mr.P. entered in to a cursory account of a Law Suit of his brother in Ohio concerning water privileges on the Summit Level of the Ohio Canal in which he was or would be successful.

SUNDAY,FEBY 14. Extremely cold-high N.W. wind cldy-frosted instead ofs snowing-Roads untrodden-snow badly drifted in. Everything appearing on the discouraging side we solicited our friends to keep us one day longer. I am not sure that the remark respecting frost was (not) correct-forgot that day to enter notes. The family did not go to church-distant 4 miles to Pawlet-same to Dorset-but the former place was their usual resort. Reading was the principal occupation. I made out a

List of the family for my own amusement. Will put it over to another day for insertion. William, John & Mary very active & lively- Ann not at home- but boarding & attending school at the Village in Pawlet- Let me state that the name of Landlord at Grenville Corners was Fitch. At night accompanied Mr.P. down to his sheep barns in his meadows S. of his house-snow extremely deep & difficult to wade through. Flocks appeared pretty well-had been prevented from drinking at the brook of late.

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MONDAY,FEBY 15. Dry & cold-wind N.W. Light frosty kind of snow kept falling 3/4 of the day-Roads blown full-that is the tracks were blown full of snow-travelling extremely bad-our friends very generously assisted in every way in helping us off-Indeed we had partaken bountifully of their hospitality-and they shall in some fashion or other see that it was not wholly lost on us.As was anticipated found very heavy dull travelling-sleigh constantly groaning over the stiff frozen drifted snow. However nothing of moment occurred until getting into the Factory Point road which was found almost impassible. Came to places so narrow & sideling as to oblige us in 2 or 3 instances to quit our seats-wading through deep snow-Adeline getting along as she could & I holding on to the cutter to prevent its oversetting. After reaching the Point there was no more trouble up to that,but the road,tho' well broken open,was so ill trodden as to prevent all expeditious movement. Snow grew more shallow as we approached Arlington Church-but at all events plentiful enough & more than enough,in any, & every location. At Arlington halted at Lathrop's- Adeline was snugly seated by a good fire in a proper apartment- I was busy waiting upon our faithful beast when Mr.Bingham Hill came over & generously invited us to supper at his house. The offer was gladly & gratefully accepted. He presided at table-at which were his mother,eldest son & others. His lady gone to her mother's in Bennington-her brother Norman more unwell of late. At half past 4 took leave of our generoud host & by sure & slow driving reached home about 1/2 past 9. Folks mostly up-almost despairing ofour arrival the present evening. Did not go to bed until after 12. Statement of Thermometrical Observations during my absence.

Feb	10	Merc	24°-27°-24°
"	11	"	16°-24°-12°
"	12	"	16°-25°-22°
"	13	"	31°-36°-32°
"	14	"	14°-20°-8°-2°
"	15	"	0°-18°-10°-
"	16	Below	2°-16°above 4°-0°
"	17	above	2°-22°-10°
"	18	Below	20°-14 above 2°below 13°same
"	19	Do	14°-14°-do-20°-18°ab.
20	20	above	26°-52°-38°-32°

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Feb	21	Merc	30°-52°-46°-36°
"	22	"	32°-64°-44°-42°32°24°
"	23	"	28°-43°-39°
"	24	"	33°-42°-40°-38°
"	25	"	18°-19°-15°
"	26	"	8°-20°-10°
"	27	"	6°-18°-16°
"	28	"	8°-18°-6°-3°
"	29	"	10°-28°-24°

TUESDAY,FEBY 16. Fair & cold-Sawing & chpping wood going on- Geo.prosecutes the latter branch. Rec'd very friendly visit from William Haswell,accompanied by his daughter. This gentleman being Collector of Minister Tax for Mr. Hooker-paid unto him the full amount of ours $6- Some conversation was had about our paying more-but it was postponed to a future day- when the deficiency to be made up on Mr.H's salary should be better ascertained. Mush was said touching the party in the Congragational Church who were for forming a separate establishment in E.Village-whose means in our opinion were altogether inadequate to the purpose- and for that & 75 other reasons the project seemed perfectly futile. Remarks were made on the contrast between former & present times in regard to being split up into Sectarian Denominations here in Bennington. Consequently more teachers to maintain, more houses to erect for P. Worship. In olden times the Congregationalists wore the bell here-which on many accounts was a great blessing. The people agreed among themselves better & it certainly saved much expense. While I was gone to the N. Capt Ira Hawks delivered us one Ton N.S.Plaster for which was $7 in full- But for transportation agreed to wait until the first of March-Bill being $3.75- Within the same period died Mr.John Gibson at Hinsdillville-aged about 40- Also old Mrs Rugg-over 60 I presume-Character formerly not good. Likewise Mrs Semantha Crossett-amiable consort of Mr.Isaac C- on the afterenduring a distressing illness for several weeks-leaving 8 children-most of them young, to the care of her afflicted partner. Some few incidents of this day remain to be added. Mrs Eliza K Warren visited our ladies P.M.
H.Waters,S.Billington & H.Warren were employed in getting wood-Waters sent home 1 load- Ed.Bigelow & little brother came here this morning to enquire respecting their sister at Castleton but not having seen her there-she being at her boarding place- bro't no news from her,except that she was well. Another thing done while I was from home-was collecting & sorting letters rec'd from various persons within the last 5 or 6 years-and among these would mention those from J.A.Wight-25 in number-Spent the evening,or a part of it,entering dates on the outside & causing them to be carefully done up in bundle & placed away in safety- Let me say(March 22(that I paid over to WmHaswell a State Order of $3.10 to apply on taxes. See Dec. 2.

WED. FEB. 17. Light fleecy clds-letting down a sort of freety snow. Very cold-Gloomy,chilly. Chopping & sawing wood continued by father & Geo. Self,wife & children most of the day at Hiram Waters'. Wrote out List of Subscribers towards loss by fire-March 1834. Total number named who actually paid in-was about 170-aggregate sum about $878. Obtained Gazette in which the marriage of Lyman S.Patchin-son of Lyman Patchin Esqr-to Miss Harriet Albro was inserted. Done at Hoosick by Elder Keach. Came home late in the day-Devoted evening to reading N.Y.Spect & Letters of Byron-1821-Very good- The aforesaid marriage took place I believe on the 6th inst.

THURSDAY FEBY 18. Remarkably cold & clear with the exception of a yellow haze. Business about the same. Hopkins conveyed to Walbridge's mill 1 1/2 bhls corn & 2 of oats-had the same ground on contract. I rode up Street with him-spending some little time at A.J.Haswell's-afterwards at N.L.R's Grocery-then at S.Clark's Bindery where read the commencement of Jefferson's Life written by himself. John C. came down with whom & Sol.C some discourse was held on politicks-giving my opinion pretty fully that there was a great game of deception constantly played off by both parties- & most adroitly & successfully by that in power. Call at B.R.Sears' to see about washing machine-being invited sup-Some ladies,not known to me,seeming to speak rather precisely-present. Go next to L.P & Co's-converse with I T Robinson,M.S.Norton & Hiram Scott about repairing meeting house. Call at Post Office-get Religious Tract sent from Castleton-writing found therein-letter postage exacted & paid. Mr. Kellogg harps respecting beef,which tho' apparently fat enough-yet is very tough-wants to know if it was not very old ? Say to him that I did not suppose-age made much difference with beef-had known old to be very tender,& young to be tough- That which he bo't was not remarkably old-he was the first I had heard complain-Soon left for home. Meeting Major A.Robinson a few rods below Academy going to see about the meeting of Proprietors of Cong. Meeting house appointed or notified to be holden at sd Acad- Was informed that there was no meeting. Getting home-the Tract was opened & found to contain scribbling from a number of young ladies of Castleton Seminary of A's acquaintaince-among whom were Annah H.Arms, Jane Clark,Miss Bellows &c They wrote some funny stuff in their way & withal addressed a few words in derision to Ed.Chapin-assistant P.M. here

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Perused the first part of Mr. Wise's Speech on the Loss of the Fortification Bill 1835- Boldly naming the individuals who on the night of the 3d of March intrigued & manoeuvred to save Responsibility from falling on

the very persons on whose shoulders it actually belonged. Fine comment on the Representatives of a Great & Free & enlightened People. Mrs Wrisley visited at Mr U Hicks.

FRIDAY,FEBY 19. Continued very cold-Pretty clear-Great halo around the sun-See Table- Path opened for carrying manure beyond upper brook-S.E.section of S.meadow-bridge of planks placed over sd.brook. Father & Geo.attend Friday Meeting-Mrs L.S.Patchin having paid us an agreeable visit, was with Adeline M. waited upon by Hopk's up street. Old sleigh box put into requisition for carrying off manure.Finished feading Speech of Mr.Wise in the evening. The whole facts were plainly & energetically told-Corruption stares us full in the face-but the devotees won't see it-all will go well while deception & cupidity shall rule- "HUZZA for Jackson". Read more of Byron's Letters-1821- Eliza K.Warren favored us with a call. A certain plan was vehemently discussed & disapproved.

SATURDAY,FEBY 20. S.Wd & clduds soften down the weather wonderfully-Merc.26°-52°-38°-32°-eveg. Got out manure according to calculation above. Ladies very lively-Called on by Mrs E.K.W. No- meant to write-by lady of Thos.S.Kent. Perused Byron's Jour'l.Jany.& Feby.1821- Italian Conspiracy-Interesting. He was kind to the poor in & about Revenna.

SUNDAY FEBY 21. Thaw continued-Cldy-signs of storm. Wind smart at N.seemed to threat'n cold- Journalized- Read C.C.Cambreleng's Speech on Loss of Fortification Bill-Smoothly done-but facts are stubborn things and they are out-no getting them back-No matter-management will go it-Never fear those in power so long as they govern the press & have hold of that all powerful lever "Money". Read some speculations on removal of Seat of Gov't from Albany to Utica. Perused more of St.Luke. Likewise Letters of Byron-Spring of 1821. All hands off to Church except Mother,self & little Wrisley boy. His father was here a moment this morning just as the folks were going off to meeting.

MONDAY,FEBY 22. Fair,warm,thawy. Snow previous to the thaw was plump 2 feet deep on an average all over our meadows & supposed to be in the woods from 3 to 3 1/2- Resumed the business of Saturday. Hiram Waters has two teams & drivers & himself,Harry Warren & black Charles employed in getting wood. Little Ad.W. sick- Rec. vis. from Mrs Kent- Perused Letters of Byron in the eveg. Geo. continues studying Paley.

TUESDAY,FEBY 23d. Thaw continued.Great storm expected-Very cldy-See Table-After getting out 6 lds manure several members of the family attended Temperance Meeting,where among other acts & things done was the delivery of an Address by

the celebrated Dr. Bullion of Cambridge N.Y.-but tho' very audibly & gracefully performed-yet was his pronounciation so tinctured with his foreign brogue as to spoil it very materially-few of the audience could understand more than half what he said-Presume it was very good-from the little we did understand. Audience very respectable & numerous- Music fine. Dr.Bates Pres't of the Society. Had some business at F.Blackmer's-rec'd hkf for mother 5/o afterwards returned. Geo,Hops- & Adeline & self were those who attended. Hiram Waters had 11 lds wood drawn by 3 teams- assisted by H.Warren & Blk Charles. Father unwell. Ira B.Dewey from Schuylerville puts up for the night,self & horse. Agent for J.W.Pierce in Law suit with Montague. Read Spect. & Byron's Letters as usual.

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